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Letter from the publisher

"The Times" of London and the "Sunday Times" were forced to suspend publication because of a dispute over a new method of setting type that "Arab News" has recently implemented. Because of union opposition, arising from fear of job losses, the two British newspapers were rebuffed in their efforts to change from the traditional linotype composition to computerized photo-typesetting.

"Arab News" readers have hopefully noticed the changes in the newspaper during the last three weeks — clearer, more readable headlines and stories. Overall production of the newspaper has become as easy to the editors as the new type faces are pleasing to the readers. The technological advance has other advantages which may not be too interesting to readers, but on the whole they have resulted in a cleaner, easier-to-read newspaper.

Of greater interest to many readers may be a new service "Arab News" is launching with the cooperation of Lloyd's International Shipping. Beginning today, "Arab News" will provide a daily report of ship movements covering vessels which call at Arab ports and use the Suez Canal. The list will also be published daily by "Asharq Al-Awsat," the international newspaper of the Arabs, which is published simultaneously in London and Jeddah.

We hope the new service will be of great value to readers. The importance of shipping to the Arab world — which depends on merchant ships for much of its imports and for its oil exports — cannot be overstated. The information will save businessmen the trouble of making personal contacts every time they need to find out about the movement of a ship which concerns them.

This is a new advance for us in journalism — one of many we have made and are making as we keep to our aim of developing "Arab News" into the leading English-language newspaper in the Middle East.

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Hisham Ali Hafez
Chairman and Director General,
Saudi Research and Marketing Co.

Al-Khobar II desalt project approved

By James Buchan

JEDDAH, April 2 — King Khaled Monday ratified a major project for the supply of desalinated water to: Dammam, Al-Khobar and Dhahran and smaller towns in the Eastern Province.

The King's approval, conveyed to the board of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation Sunday, covers the Al-Khobar II desalination project. The ratification of the King or crown prince is required for projects over SR100 million under budget regulations.

The King approved the award of a SR2.5 billion contract to an international consortium to provide 60 million gallons a day of sweet water and 750 megawatts of power.

The contract, by far the largest ever awarded by the SWCC, will be signed next week at the work

site by Agriculture Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh.

The Saudi Press Agency, which reported the King's approval, did not name the successful companies. A consortium led by Kraftwerk Union of West Germany low-bid SR 3.47 billion for the scheme last year and a member of the consortium, KWC's parent company Siemens, announced from Berlin last month that it was expecting to win the order. But KWC officials said Monday night that they had received no notification.

At the same time, the SR2.5 billion price tag indicates the extent the bids have been dropped in negotiation — presumably with some compensating reduction in the project.

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DEPARTURE: Lebanese Prime Minister Dr. Solim Hoss is seen off at Riyadh Airport Monday by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah after a two-day visit to the Kingdom. (See story page 2). (SPA photo)

Iraqi president arrives here

JEDDAH, April 2 (SPA) — President Ahmad Hassan al-Bakr of Iraq arrived here Monday to perform the Umra.

He was received at the airport by Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz, Gen. Mansour Al-Shuabi, military commander of the western

region, and other officials. The visit follows the conference of Arab foreign and economy ministers in Baghdad last week.

Question U.S. role

Soviets blast peace treaty

MOSCOW, April 2 (Agencies) — A major "Pravda" commentary warned Monday that peace "Camp David-style" between Israel and Egypt is intended to "pack the Middle East powder keg with explosives up to its brim."

The 2,200-word article in the Communist Party newspaper was signed by Alexei Petrov, indicating it reflects the Kremlin view, and was obviously timed to coincide with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's arrival in Cairo to mark the debut of normalized relations.

"Pravda" claimed that in playing the role of "honest broker" between Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, the United States "did not for a single minute lose sight of its own interests," in countering what it sees as Kremlin influence in the region.

"It is precisely for the sake of these interests that President Carter risked his prestige and undertook a dubious tour of the Middle East, a region which the United States declared to be 'vitally

important" for itself," the newspaper wrote.

"This region is important for the United States in the first place as a link in the global anti-Soviet strategy of the Pentagon."

According to "Pravda," the peace treaty commits both Israel and Egypt to receive financial and military aid "to serve U.S. interests in the Middle East and provide certain services for the USA."

The commentary claimed that no matter "how many epithets and most peaceable-like words could be said in connection with the treaty they do not change its essence...."

"In a word, for the sake of 'peace Camp David-style,' the participants in the separate deal are ready to pack the Middle East powder keg with explosives up to its brim," it claimed.

The newspaper noted that U.S. influence in the Middle East was shaken as a result of the revolution in Iran, and that the Carter Administration is looking to the new treaty to bolster its position in

the region, central to U.S. oil interests.

"The real aim of the tripartite deal behind the back of the (Arab) peoples is the shaping of a military-political alliance of Israel and Egypt subordinated to the USA, and to consolidate U.S. presence in the Middle East and Near East shaken as a result of the revolution in Iran and disintegration of the Cento bloc."

"Pravda" said, "Noting the fact that the treaty has met with harsh criticism from most of the other Arab countries, 'Pravda' claimed that Sadat is an unwitting victim of U.S.-Israeli machinations, and even raised the question of whether Sadat will stay in power much longer."

Meanwhile, Jordan blamed the United States Monday for sponsoring a "separate peace" between Egypt and Israel.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran told the 60-member Consultative Council that, before the treaty got underway, Jordan had submitted 12 questions to President Carter's administration regarding the nature of the Mideast peace drive.

He said the U.S. answers were unsatisfactory, and "we realized from the start that a separate peace treaty was being arranged."

Badran also said that Jordan was instrumental in arranging anti-Egyptian economic and political sanctions during the Baghdad conference of Arab foreign and finance ministers last week.

He also revealed that students at the Jordanian University staged anti-treaty demonstrations 10 kilometers west of Amman last Thursday and on Sunday.

In another development, a former American senator has said that the United States could create

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Cabinet ratifies Baghdad decisions

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — The Cabinet met Monday under Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah to review the situation in the area.

A communique read by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that the

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Khaled congratulates Khomeini on republic

RIYADH, April 2 (Agencies) — King Khaled Monday sent a cable to Ayatollah Khomeini congratulating him on the formation of an Islamic republic in Iran.

The King said Khomeini's proclamation of the republic's birth Sunday had "echoed well throughout the Kingdom," and added that he extended his heartfelt congratulations.

"It gives me great pleasure that the new republic is based on Islamic principles, which are a powerful bulwark for Islam and Muslim peoples who aspire to prosperity, dignity and well-being. I pray the Almighty to guide you to the forefront of those who strive for the upholding of Islam and Muslims and I wish the Iranian people progress, prosperity and stability," the King's cable said.

In Jeddah Monday, the Organization of Islamic Conferences also congratulated the new Iranian government on the formation of the Islamic republic.

In a cable to Iranian Foreign Minister Karim Sanjahi, the organization's assistant secretary-general said the return of Iran to true Islamic principles is in important service to Muslims everywhere and a victory for Islam.

Earlier in Tehran, Iranian state radio reported Monday that a four-point ceasefire agreement had been reached in the north-eastern city of Gonbad-E-Qabous, where Turkoman tribesmen have been battling militiamen of the central revolutionary government.

Sporadic shooting had been reported earlier in the day, but the city was said to be somewhat quieter after the ceasefire was announced locally at 4 p.m.

Announcements appealed to the warring sides to abandon their trenches and strongholds so that bodies of dead and wounded could be removed.

The provisional government of Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan had threatened "decisive and necessary" action by the army units surrounding the town unless the fighting stopped by 3 p.m. local time.

Tribesmen, seeking local autonomy and land redistribution, have been fighting gun battles with militia for the past week and have seized the local police and gendarmerie headquarters.

The fighting by the Turkomans follows similar outbreaks of violence in Kurdish other ethnic

minority areas against the new revolutionary regime.

Some 50 people are believed to have been killed and more than 200 wounded since the Gonbad-E-Qabous fighting started.

The four-point accord announced by the radio included these provisions:

—Injured persons will immediately be transferred to hospitals and the warring sides will withdraw from their positions.

—The entire city will be cleaned

up — apparently a reference to removing barricades.

—Talks will begin on a prisoner release.

—Army units will maintain order in the city.

The radio also said one military helicopter had crashed in the city because of lack of fuel.

Meanwhile, the radio also said that Greek Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, who spent three years in an Israeli jail for alleged gun-running for Palestinian commandos, had a meeting Monday with Khomeini in the holy city of Qom.

Cairo gives cool welcome to Begin

CAIRO, April 2 (Agencies) — Menachem Begin, the first Israeli premier to visit Cairo, arrived here Monday to a formal, low-key reception marked by tight security and the absence of any popular welcome.

As he stepped off the plane Begin smiled and gave a small wave before exchanging a formal hand shake with Vice President Hosni Mubarak.

The Israeli national anthem, played by a band of the Egyptian presidential guard, then sounded for the first time on Egyptian soil.

It was the final act in process which began just over 16 months ago with President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem in November 1977 and ended with the signing of a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel in Washington.

Most of the Egyptian cabinet including Defense Minister Lt. Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, were at the airport to greet the Israeli premier.

But one notable absentee was Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil. A spokesman for Khalil said the premier was engaged in "other important business." He declined to elaborate.

Despite the lackluster welcome, Begin was in high spirits.

"This is a great day for Israel," Begin said as he stepped off an Egyptian Air Force helicopter which flew him to the Pyramids in southern Cairo.

He began his 24-hour visit by laying a wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, honoring tens of thousands of Egyptians who died in wars against Israel over 30 years.

Calling it a most emotional moment, Begin told reporters "I

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N-plant danger reduced

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 2 (AP) — Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials said Monday "the fuel temperatures are dropping" inside the disabled Three Mile Island nuclear reactor and that a dangerous gas bubble is "showing dramatic decreases in size."

Harold Denton, chief of operations for the NRC, said there are now just two fuel cells with temperatures of more than 400 degrees.

Of the bubble shrinkage and the temperature decline, Denton said, "I think it's certainly reason for optimism."

"We have shown a dramatic

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Jordan to terminate relations with Egypt

AMMAN, April 2 (Agencies) — Jordan has decided to sever political and diplomatic relations with Egypt, an official source reported.

The announcement followed a cabinet meeting Sunday night which reviewed the resolutions adopted by the Baghdad meeting of Arab foreign and economy ministers against Egypt over its signing of a peace treaty with Israel.

Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Monday also announced the recall of their ambassadors from Cairo.

Monday's announcements followed a similar decision by Saudi Arabia, which recalled its ambassador Sunday.

Recalling, the envoys conformed with resolutions adopted by the Baghdad conference which called for a total economic boycott

of Egypt, including an oil embargo.

In Abu Dhabi the government said the UAE ambassador in Cairo returned home Monday.

The Qatari Ambassador was also expected back in Doha Monday, Qatari officials said.

Oman is the only Gulf state which has refused to take diplomatic action against Egypt.

Meanwhile, Egypt has confidently predicted that it would find a solution to the Palestinian problem through negotiations with Israel and thus restore relations with Arab states opposed to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

The Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Boutros Ghali, Sunday told a press conference: "When a solution is found to the Palestinian problem, the Arabs who opposed us now will come back to us."

"We hope through the forthcoming negotiations with Israel that a just solution to the Palestinian problem is found," Ghali said.

"There was a gap between the Egyptian and the Israeli positions in the past and it was overcome," the minister said. "I am confident the gap that exists now between us on the Palestinian future will also be overcome," he said.

He also said that President Anwar Sadat's government was not taking seriously the total boycott of Egypt adopted by other Arab countries.

"We have adopted counter measures necessary to overcome any measures they may take against us," Ghali said. He declined to elaborate.

Ghali said the Baghdad resolutions were illegal because they violated the Arab League Charter.

He said the charter made it clear that Arab decisions must be taken unanimously.

Rockets hit U.S. embassy in Beirut

BEIRUT, April 2 (AP) — The American embassy in Beirut was hit by two rocket propelled grenades Monday, but no one was injured, embassy and police officials reported.

Two unidentified men, fired the rockets from approximately 150 yards away at the front of the embassy, hitting two windows on the first and fifth floor, and then escaped by car, the officials said.

The attack came in the wake of threats from the Palestinian resistance movement against American interests in the Middle East after the United States engineered the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt.

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Maize	—
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Sugar	—
Tea	—
Other Foods	11946
Fruit	132
Chicken	165
Meat	4128
Eggs	—
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs:	50541

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Cement	45577
Steel	17870
Timber	2493
General Building Materials	11123
Sub-Total for Construction Materials:	77063

3. VEHICLES

Vehicles in Number	555
Vehicles in Tons	10188

4. LIVESTOCK

Number of Head	15600
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5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO 3520 97003

TOTAL DISCHARGED:

(A) 238315 Tons Cargo
(B) 555 Vehicles in Number
(C) 15600 Head of Livestock

Oil fire won't affect production

DAMMAM, April 2 (SPA) — The fire which broke out on an Eastern Province offshore oil well Sunday will not affect Aramco's daily crude production or the Kingdom's daily oil output, an Oil Ministry official said Monday.

Deputy Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Fahd Al-Khayyal said the well on fire is producing light crude, but that the fire will have "absolutely no effect," on the Kingdom's oil situation.

He said such fires often take several weeks to extinguish and that foreign fire fighting experts will be called in to help drill several new vents around the fire site. When those are ready, special chemicals will be pumped in to smother the fire.

The fire broke out during routine maintenance work on the well which is near Abu Ali Island, about 40 kilometers from Jubail.

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1. FOODSTUFFS

Flour/Wheat	2,375
Maize	36
Rice	11,561
Sugar	371
Tea	88
Various Foodstuffs	44,188
Fruit	5,448
Poultry	4,634
Meat	—
Eggs	—
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs:	68,701

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Cement	142,352
Steel	12,294
Timber	8,099
General Building Materials	73,183
Sub-Total for Construction Materials:	235,928

3. VEHICLES

Vehicles in number	4,258
Vehicles in Tons	75,884

4. LIVESTOCK

Number of Head	65,353
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5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO

116,041

TOTAL DISCHARGED:

(A) 496,554 Tons Cargo
(B) 4,258 Vehicles in Numbers
(C) 65,353 Head of Livestock

Hoss says:

Kingdom to help pacify Lebanon

BEIRUT, April 2 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia will help Beirut reestablish state control over South Lebanon and stabilize security, Prime Minister Salim Hoss said Monday.

He was speaking to reporters on his return from a two-day visit to the Kingdom.

Saudi leaders had told Hoss they would extend all possible help to Lebanon in its efforts to regain control over South Lebanon with the aid of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon.

He had also discussed the recent renewal of the Arab Deterrent Force's mandate for three months only, instead of six as requested by Lebanon.

Saudi officials had declared the change in the mandate's term had been an unexpected decision but they were fully prepared to support Lebanon if it applied for a further extension of the mandate.

Hoss said his talks with King Khaled and Saudi officials centered on "the protection of South Lebanon from Zionist ambitions and designs."

He briefed the King on developments in the South and the steps taken to implement U.N. Security Council decisions.

He said that the Lebanese government was working with the United Nations to work out a phased program to reestablish the legitimacy of the government along the border area, in accordance with Security Council Resolution 444.

He added that the program will require the mobilization of all Arab resources to apply international pressure at the U.N. and elsewhere to prevent the Zionist enemy from realizing its ambitions.

Hoss hailed the results of the Arab foreign and economic ministers conference in Baghdad, saying that Lebanon's stand was brought forth from its commitment to the Arab cause and Arab solidarity.

On his departure Hoss was seen off at Riyadh Airport by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam and cabinet ministers, senior state officials and high-ranking officers.

Minister calls on all Muslims to speak Arabic

KUCHING, Malaysia, April 2 (R) — Visiting Saudi Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Waseh has called on Muslims throughout the world to learn Arabic to help promote solidarity and understanding among themselves.

"Arabic is not only the language of the Arabs but also the language of the Holy Quran which can force unity and brotherhood among Muslims throughout the world," the minister said Sunday at an Islamic seminar here, capital of the east Malaysian state of Sarawak.

He suggested that the World Muslim League draw up a program to teach Arabic to Muslims.

He advised Muslims who



Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Waseh could speak Arabic to communicate with each other in the language.

Sheikh Abdul Wahab is here to attend the 10th anniversary celebrations of Sarawak's Muslim organization.



LEBANESE PREMIER: Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah meets Lebanese Prime Minister Salim Hoss in Riyadh Sunday. Monday Hoss left for home, saying on arrival at Beirut that Saudi Arabia had assured him of help in stabilizing South Lebanon under central government control.

Focus on telecommunications

Swedish minister here Friday

By Timothy Sisley

JEDDAH, April 2 — Swedish Minister of Communications Anitha Bondestam will arrive here Friday for a four-day visit to the Kingdom, the Swedish Embassy announced Monday.

She will be received by King Khaled in Riyadh, and hold talks with PTT Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi.

She will also see Henrik Johansson, the head of L.M. Erikson, the Swedish telecommunications group which is carrying out the Kingdom's \$3 billion telephone expansion contract with Bell Canada and Phillips.

The visit is partly returning that of Dr. Kayyal to Sweden last year, when as a result of the telephone contract he also went to Holland and Canada. She will spend all her time in Riyadh, returning here only to change flights.

Although the Communications Ministry in Sweden embraces the functions of several Saudi ministries, taking in PTT, transport, ports and civil aviation, Mrs. Bon-

destam's trip will apparently be mainly concerned with telecommunications.

Born in 1941, Mrs. Bondestam's background is largely legal. She is a member of the Board of the Swedish Federation of Jurists, having practised as a prosecutor and an assistant justice of appeal.

Her visit follows an increase in the rate of exchange of visits between Saudi and Swedish officials

and businessmen. Before 1977 no Swedish group had come here, but a delegation of businessmen came at the end of that year. This year has already seen Commerce Minister Hidar Cars and Agriculture Minister Erik Enlund in Saudi Arabia.

Last summer Dr. Kayyal went to Stockholm, following Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Jalal.

At Riyadh food conference

Experts discuss greater farm yield

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — Eighty scientists looking for ways of increasing agricultural output with the eventual goal of Arab self-sufficiency in food Monday discussed meat and fish farming and special research into dairy production. They also considered the problems and possibilities of large agricultural complexes and farming in arid regions.

Meeting at the Faculty of Agriculture in the university here in the second Arab Conference on Food Science and Technology, the scientists heard papers on food security and Arab agricultural coor-

dination.

Dr. Nabil Yahya Abdullah, dean of the agricultural faculty and chairman of the conference, said afterwards that a plan had been approved to build an Arab Institute for Food Industries in Baghdad to train technicians in the industrial manufacture of food products.

He said that a number of resolutions would be passed at the final session Tuesday, and the third conference would be held in Baghdad in 1981.

In Sunday's meeting the conference debated five papers on

Tokyo asks oil policies continue

TOKYO, April 2 (R) — Japan Monday asked Saudi Arabia, its largest single oil supplier, to continue its moderate oil exporting policy, Foreign Ministry sources said.

Foreign Minister Sumao Soouda made the request when visiting Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer paid a courtesy call on him. The Japanese minister told Sheikh Hisham Japan would comply with a five per cent cut in consumption decided on by the 20-nation International Energy Agency last month, the sources said.

Sheikh Hisham was quoted as saying he welcomed the Japanese plan, while warning that oil prices would rise further unless conservation measures were taken in the industrialized world.

More doctors in Kingdom

JEDDAH, April 2 — Saudi Arabia has one doctor for every 1,661 people as against 1,689 in 1975-76, "Al-Jazirah" said Monday.

Quoting a Health Ministry official, the paper said that in 1977 to 1978 the number of public and private doctors in the Kingdom had risen to 4,571, registering a 4.2 per cent increase over the preceding year.

During 1977 and 78, the Ministry of Health had one doctor for every 2,693 people as against 2,737 a year earlier.



Prince Turki in N. Yemen

SANAA, April 2 (SPA) — Prince Turki Al-Faisal arrived here Monday on a short visit.

He was met at the airport by Lt. Col. Muhammad Khamis, minister of the interior and head of the National Central Security Body, Deputy Minister of the Interior Lt. Col. Muhammad Saleh Al-Kahali and other senior officials.

Reuter reported from Sanaa, quoting official sources, that Prince Turki was carrying a message from King Khaled to President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Corrupt power workers face trial

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — Two employees under contract with the Riyadh Electricity Company will stand trial after having been caught red-handed receiving a bribe to supply power to a Saudi house, Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi said Monday.

The prospective subscriber had complained to Dr. Alghosabi's deputy minister for electricity about the approach.

The minister thanked the complainant and congratulated him for his sense of responsibility. He urged all citizens to behave in the same manner if facing similar circumstances "so as to purge such corrupt specimens from the public service."

Heavy fine for employing illegals

JEDDAH, April 2 — Anyone employing a laborer not under his sponsorship even for a day will be jailed from one week to a month and fined SR 2000 to SR 10,000, it was reported by "Al-Jazirah" newspaper Monday. Quoting an official source, the paper said that there would be no leniency. Violators were fined SR 500 to SR 1000 with no jail term.

Saudi soccer ties Bahrain, 1-1

JEDDAH, April 2 — Saudi Arabia and Bahrain drew 1-1 Monday in the Gulf Cup soccer tournament. Saud Gasseem hit the Saudi goal home, but Yusuf Sharida equalized for the impressive Bahraini team.

BMW cars launched

JEDDAH, April 2 — Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal attended a dinner at the Kandara Palace Hotel Sunday given by Al-Husseini Corp. to introduce BMW cars to the Saudi market. BMW board Chairman Hans-Erdmann Schonbeck was also among the 200 guests, who saw some recent models from the firm.

Alghosabi meets British officials

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi Monday met British Ambassador Sir John Wilton and Peter Gregson, who is leading the British side to the Saudi-British Joint Commission meetings this week. They discussed the state of cooperation between Saudi and British companies and issues on the commission's agenda.

Parachute show in Riyadh

RIYADH, April 2 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam Wednesday will see the annual parachutists' display by cadets of the King Abdul Aziz Military Academy, taking place at Kilo 18 on the Riyadh Khreiss road.

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To be tried Eritrean group deposes leader

KHARTOUM, April 2 (R) — One of three guerrilla groups fighting Ethiopian troops for the independence of Eritrea says its leader has been ousted and will be brought before a military tribunal.

The Provisional Revolutionary Council of the Eritrean Liberation Front — Popular Liberation Forces (ELF-PLF) said Osman Saleh Sabbe, who was the front's secretary-general, faced charges of wasting the organization's funds and opening a secret account in his own name in London.

An official, Osman Ageeb, said Sabbe, who is at present in Khartoum, was also accused of dealing with suspicious circles and of administrative corruption. The front was in possession of documents incriminating him.

The ELF-PLF, a comparatively right-wing Arab nationalist movement, is the smallest of the three groups seeking independence for the Red Sea province of Ethiopia.



Osman Saleh Sabbe

Oil profits to be used at home

Iran to halt massive investments abroad

TEHRAN, April 2 (AP) — The finance and economics minister of Iran's revolutionary government, Ali Ardakan, said Monday that Iran will discontinue its past policy of lavish foreign investments and direct its huge oil profits into internal development instead.

"Iran will henceforth make its best efforts to make use of its oil revenues to meet local and national requirements inside the country," Ardakan said. "It is obvious, therefore, that participation and investment in foreign countries is not under consideration at all."

He said some existing foreign investments may continue.

Ardakan also indicated that Iran will eliminate loans to some countries, although the nation will repay all it has borrowed from abroad.

Ardakan spoke after foreign news reports that Iran was planning to continue large investments outside the country. Iran is believed to have about \$2 billion in foreign investment and loans outstanding, including participation in the West German Krupp industrial group.

"The previous investments made in these fields by Iran were based on particular policies which have been demolished in the period of the Islamic republic," Ardakan said.

"We now have a new policy,"

ments abroad. There are some loans we have extended to foreign countries, and loans we have obtained from abroad. All these three points are under thorough consideration. Those which are correct and safe and necessary we will continue."

"In some cases, we will have to make a review, such as in the loans we have extended to some countries,"

tries, in which case we will discontinue payment of the rest of the loan if necessary and start demands for repayment," he said. "On loans we have obtained from abroad, we will definitely meet our commitments and pay them back."

Ardakan added that the present government economic policy is not aimed at sending out capital

from the country because we badly need it at home."

The minister also condemned previous Iranian investments in "failing industries" at home.

He claimed that the Iranian steel mill in Isfahan had a 6 billion rial (\$85 million) annual operating cost and revenues only a third as large. He said the rest of the losses had to be carried by the government.

Buenos Aires newspaper report

Shah said moving to Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, April 2 (AP) — The Shah wants to settle in Argentina, and his aides have contacted government officials here to find out whether he would be welcome, the newspaper "La Nacion" says.

Officials would neither confirm nor deny the report Sunday.

The Shah left Tehran Jan. 11, a few weeks before the takeover of the government by revolutionary followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. He and his wife, Empress Farah, spent six days in Egypt and then flew to Morocco as guests of King Hassan.

They and two of their children flew last Friday to the Bahamas, when Bahamian government officials said the Shah intends to stay for about three weeks before moving elsewhere.

Brazilian government sources Saturday denied reports that the Shah was planning to settle in Brazil.

"La Nacion" said before deciding whether the Shah should be allowed to settle here, the government is consulting with other nations to test international reaction.

The newspaper, quoting unnamed diplomats, said the former Iranian Ambassador in Washington, Ardeshtir Zahedi, had called on an unidentified Argentine to find out what reception the Shah would get from the government.

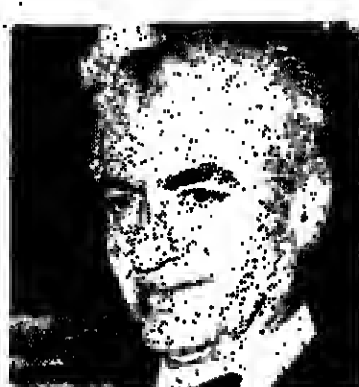
"Former Ambassador Zahedi has excellent channels available for finding out what the Argentine reaction would be," the paper said.

The government in Iran has said it will ask the government of whatever nation the Shah settles in to extradite him to Iran to be tried for alleged crimes against the nation.

Monday a spokesman for the Shah said in Nassau that the Shah and former Premier Shahpour Bakhtiari have not established contact with each other.

Bakhtiari, reported to be hiding in France or Switzerland, was appointed prime minister before mass demonstrations forced the Shah out of Iran on Jan. 16.

"It is my impression they have not spoken since the Shah left



The Shah

Iran, and I know they have not since the prime minister left," Robert Arman, the Shah's official spokesman in the Bahamas, said.

"If he (the Shah) knows the prime minister in France, it's only from the papers," he added.

The Shah flew in with his family from Morocco on Friday. They are staying at the home of an American gaming millionaire.

The Shah Sunday held to his refusal to talk to reporters.

He and members of his family took a swim in the morning, but tourists and press were cleared from a wedge of beach and water adjoining the cottage where the family is staying.

The cottage, part of Paradise Island's expensive Ocean Club resort, is used by Resorts International Chairman James Crossby when he is on the island.

Taraki accuses Iran of meddling

ISLAMABAD, April 2 (AP) — President Nur Mohammad Taraki of Afghanistan has accused Iran of sending armed insurgents into his country on a number of occasions in the past several months, Radio Kabul reported.

It said Taraki made the accusation in a speech Sunday at a meeting of the new Afghan cabinet officially inaugurated Saturday. The cabinet is headed by Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin.

Taraki, pro-Moscow strongman who also heads the Revolutionary Council and the Defense Council, was quoted as saying that the "Iranian fanatics" interfering in Afghanistan's internal affairs have been "vigorously repulsed."

He claimed that "these elements," supported by what he called reactionary circles of Pakistan and some imperialists, have "interfered" in his country's affairs on 61 occasions during the past six months, according to the radio.

Afghanistan has alleged that armed Iranian personnel frequently infiltrated Afghanistan's western province of Herat and helped an uprising there in March against the pro-Soviet Taraki regime.

In the province and elsewhere in Afghanistan, Taraki faces active dissent from numerous Islamic groups.

The radio said Taraki also accused Pakistan and the "imperialistic powers" of trying to make Pakistan a springboard for their aggression in Afghanistan.

At present, there are about 35,000 Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The majority of them fled Afghanistan after Taraki seized power in a Soviet-backed coup in April 1978.

The refugees support Islamic dissidents of Afghanistan, and the Taraki regime has accused Pakistan of collaborating with the refugees in stirring up the anti-government activity in Afghanistan.

Pakistan has stated the refugees were provided with food and shelter for humanitarian reasons.



TALKS: West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt with Zaire President Mobutu in Bonn recently. Monday Mobutu held talks with UAE President Sheikh Zayed, and the question of aid to Zaire was discussed. (AP photo)

Aid for Zaire discussed

Mobutu holds talks with Zayed

ABU DHABI, April 2 (R) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahayan and President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire held formal talks here Monday on aid and strengthening bilateral relations in

various fields and other issues of common interest.

Mobutu arrived Sunday on an official visit leading a senior delegation.

Monday's talks were attended by the two countries' foreign and

planning ministers as well as other officials, the official Emirates News Agency said.

UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashed Abdullah said the talks dealt with improving UAE-Zaire political, economic and cultural relations.

Both sides also exchanged views on Middle East and African developments.

Director of Abu Dhabi fund for Arab Economic Development Nasser Al-Nuweiss said, according to the agency, both sides also discussed the possibility of the Fund's contribution to development projects in Zaire.

After student troubles Bomb explodes in Quetta

QUETTA, Pakistan, April 2 (AP) — A bomb explosion shook the Sandeman Library area here Sunday night, seriously damaging two houses. No casualties were reported.

Police linked the blast with student trouble in the city over the weekend.

According to another report in Gujranwala in Punjab Province, one person was injured by an explosion in a letter box in the General Post Office. The letter box was destroyed.

Also on Sunday, police in Peshawar in the Northwest Frontier Province arrested five persons and seized 96 pistols, 40 chargers and 100 sticks of dynamite.

Police said the five told them they were smuggling these items from the tribal areas bordering Afghanistan.

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Iranians mourn martyrs with red tulips on graves

TEHRAN, April 2 (2) — Tens of thousands of Iranians Monday placed red tulips on the graves of martyrs of the revolution which transformed Iran from a monarchy into an Islamic republic.

The capital's flat, dusty Behesht-e-Zahra Cemetery was ablaze with red as people responded to Ayatollah Khomeini's call to honor revolution victims on the last day of the Persian New Year holiday.

Several thousand Iranians died, mostly shot by the armed forces during street riots, in the last months of violent opposition which forced the Shah into exile in January after a 37-year reign.

The Tehran victims are buried in Behesht-e-Zahra, the first place visited by Khomeini when he returned from years of exile after the monarchy's departure.

Women in all-enveloping chadors planted clusters of red tulips or laid them in vases on every simple grave. Traffic in southern Tehran, funerals round the cemetery, came to a standstill as other people flocked to join them.

Those Iranians who did not go to Behesht-e-Zahra flocked to the countryside to celebrate the 13th and last day of the new year holiday, known as "Sizdah-Bedar" (throwing out the thirteen). The Persians consider it unlucky to stay at home on the 13th day of the New Year.

Egyptian aide denies envoy to Israel chosen

CAIRO, April 2 (R) — An official source at the Egyptian presidency has denied an Israeli newspaper report that Hassan Taha will be named as the first Egyptian ambassador to Israel, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported Sunday.

The Israeli report said President Sadat chose Taha, a deputy premier at the presidency, according to MENA.

Taha accompanied President Sadat during his visit to Jerusalem in November 1977.

The source was quoted by MENA as saying the report was "fabricated and unfounded," and that the question of choosing an Egyptian ambassador to Israel was premature and would be considered when the first stage of the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai was completed this year. It is scheduled to take nine months.

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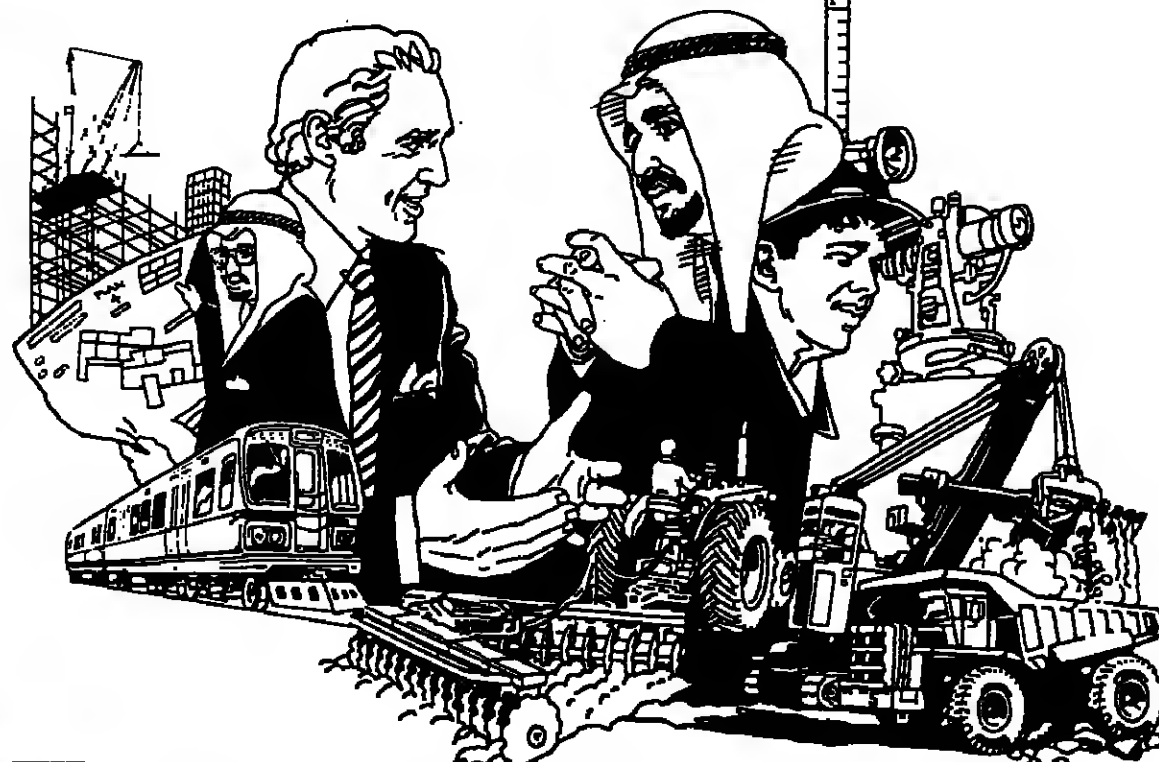
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British plan new safety measures for politicians

LONDON, April 2 (R) — Britain's politicians were to be told Monday of new measures for their safety after the assassination of Airey Neave, an opposition member blown up by a car bomb on Friday.

Police, their suspicions concentrated on Irish guerrilla groups, have been drawing up protection plans over the weekend.

The politicians will be told of the stepped-up security when they return to Parliament, where 63-year-old Conservative Party member Neave was killed as he drove out of the car park.

A Labor government minister, probably Home Secretary Merlyn Rees, was to have made a statement in Parliament on the killing.

Two Irish guerrilla groups, the

Irish Republican Army (IRA) and the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), have claimed responsibility, saying it was part of their campaign to end British control of Northern Ireland.

They threatened further violent acts to coincide with the campaign for the general election, to be held on May 3.

The police, not usually armed, face a grim task in protecting politicians as they tour the country whipping up support.

Rees Sunday called on the public to be vigilant and said "It will not be possible to cover all eventualities."

Neave was the Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland and his statements calling for the reintroduction of hanging for guerrilla murders apparently made him a marked man.

The death penalty was abolished in Britain in 1965 but the issue is now likely to be a major debating point during electioneering.

The Conservatives have pledged to hold a debate in Parliament, followed by a free vote, on whether to restore the death penalty.

The young Conservatives, the party's youth organization, reacted to Neave's murder by passing an emergency motion demanding the reintroduction of capital punishment for terrorists.

Michael Heseltine, Mrs. Thatcher's spokesman on the environment, told the young Tories gathering at folk songs on Saturday: "events like this always make me think again."

Police have so far made no arrests and are trying to establish whether the bomb was planted outside Neave's London home or after he left it at Parliament.

The bomb had a timing device and a trembler action which set it off as Neave drove up the car park ramp.

Author of bomb article urges freedom of press

NEW YORK, April 2 (R) — The author of an article on the hydrogen bomb, banned for publication by a federal judge, Monday listed what he called two compelling reasons why the article should be published.

Howard Morland, author of "The H-Bomb Secret," prepared for "The Progressive" magazine, made his assertion in a guest column for Newsweek. The U.S. government acted to restrain "The Progressive," based in Madison, Wisconsin, from publishing Morland's article for "national security reasons."

"There are two compelling reasons not to submit to censorship," Morland wrote. "One is that it is urgently important to uphold the principle of freedom from government interference with public debate, and the other is that the information itself is essential to understanding nuclear-weapons policy."

"No one had previously assembled information for publication, selecting the right details from a mass of written matter, but the secret was certainly available to anyone who wanted to look for it. And it was known to college students," Morland wrote.

But he wrote, "let me hasten to say that knowing the H-bomb secret will not enable anyone to build a thermonuclear weapon who

does not also command the resources of a technologically sophisticated government."

Morland said if the Supreme Court is asked to rule on the case it may uphold parts of the Atomic Energy Act that virtually regulate thought on the subject. Congress may also pass a repressive official secrets act, Morland wrote.

Ex-congressman innocent in U.S. Korean scandal

MONROE, La. April 2 (R) — Former Louisiana congressman Otto Passman was acquitted Sunday night on charges of accepting illegal payments from South Korean businessman Tongsun Park.

A district court jury also found Passman, a resident of Monroe, not guilty on charges of conspiracy and tax evasion.

Passman, a Democrat who served in Congress for 30 years until he was defeated in 1976, was charged with accepting \$98,000 in bribes or illegal payments from Park, and conspiring to obtain more than \$200,000 in payments from the South Korean businessman.

Passman headed the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.



NEW LIFE: Patty Hearst waves her pardon from the president in February as she leaves prison with the man she married Sunday, Bernard Shaw.

Ceremony in San Francisco

Patty Hearst weds former bodyguard

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2 (AP) — A radiant Patricia Campbell Hearst, kidnap victim turned robber and now a bride, married her former bodyguard Sunday in a traditional service on an island in San Francisco Bay.

Miss Hearst, carrying a lily of the valley bouquet, wore a white satin gown, was wed to San Francisco policeman Bernard Shaw in a redwood paneled chapel.

Guests of honor included Trish Tobin, daughter of the president of the San Francisco Bank Miss Hearst was convicted of robbing. Sen. S.I. Hayakawa (R-Calif.) and his wife and Bing Crosby's widow, Kathryn.

Also attending was John Hamilton, Grand Califf Rolling Cloud of two East Coast Indian tribes, who was to unite the couple in an ancient blood rite.

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Relatives of Silkwood to testify in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 2 (AP) — Korean Silkwood's mother and boyfriend are expected to give emotional testimony this week in a suit seeking damages from a nuclear fuel firm they allege contaminated Miss Silkwood.

Merle Silkwood is expected to testify about a phone call she got from her distraught daughter one week before Miss Silkwood's death in an auto crash in 1974. Pre-trial depositions reveal Miss Silkwood told her mother she was afraid she was dying.

Lawyers for the Silkwood estate have told U.S. District Judge Frank Telsi they hope to conclude their case late this week after calling Mrs. Silkwood and drew Stephens, Miss Silkwood's boyfriend at the time of her death.

Lawyers for Kerr-McGee Corp. say it will take four or five weeks to put on defense witnesses.

What both sides agree could be a crucial point in the case arose during a private conference with Theis last week.

Chief of KKK held in London on illegal entry

LONDON, April 2 (R) — American Ku Klux Klan leader Bill Wilkinson is in a British prison after being arrested over the weekend, police said Monday.

Wilkinson, 35, self-styled Imperial Grand Wizard of the American racist organization, was arrested in London on Saturday.

He was deported from Britain last year after slipping into the country despite a government order banning him on grounds that his presence would stir race hatred.

Police said he apparently arrived here last Thursday by cross-channel ferry from France. He has two weeks in which to appeal against a deportation order.

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More than 104 Vietnamese die in boat sinking

KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 (R) — More than 104 Vietnamese refugees drowned when their boat capsized as it was being towed out to sea off Malaysia's east coast on Saturday by a police patrol vessel, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said Monday.

Another 113 refugees were rescued when the boat, which had 227 Vietnamese aboard, overturned.

The accident happened off Mersing Port, in Malaysia's southernmost state of Johore, about 240 kilometers from Singapore.

A representative of the UNHCR said the boat had sought temporary asylum in Mersing after 10 people died during the voyage from Vietnam.

He said one of those rescued from the boat, a young man, had gunshot wounds in the left leg, sustained when a naval patrol boat apparently opened fire in an attempt to turn the boat away from the Malaysian coast.

UNHCR's Asian representative, Rajagopalam Sampat Kumar, protested that the tragedy need not have happened.

He would make strong representations to the Malaysian government and would seek an assurance that such accidents would be prevented in future.

He said the young man who was shot was not seriously hurt and was being treated in Mersing. The other survivors had been taken to a U.N. refugee camp on Tengah Island.

Sampat Kumar said the refugee boat "simply overturned and capsized" as it was being towed away from the Malaysian coast.

"We should know by tonight how many men, women and children there were among those who drowned."

Sampat Kumar said it was not the first such unnecessary tragedy off the Malaysian coast.

About 300 Vietnamese refugees drowned off the coast of Trengganu last November when two boats capsized after being turned away by the local authorities.

Malaysian security forces started turning back refugee boats late last year when the influx of Vietnamese "boat people" reached its height, swelling the numbers in makeshift island camps to over 50,000.

The government set up a special task force under the command of an army general to turn back the growing tide of those seeking temporary shelter in Malaysia while waiting for resettlement in Western countries.

Although the numbers coming out of Communist Vietnam has slowed in recent weeks, some 52,000 people still remain in the Malaysian camps. The Red Crescent society has announced plans to set up a fourth transit camp to accelerate their resettlement in Western countries.

Resettlement has been stepped up lately, and UNHCR hopes to fly them out at the rate of 5,000 to 6,000 a month for the rest of the year.

Although Malaysia has served formal notice that it will not accept more refugees, whom it regards as illegal immigrants, implementation of that policy has varied in practice.

While the Malaysian authorities turn away refugee boats which they consider seaworthy, local authorities often allow refugees to stay on the beach for a few days while their boats are being refitted and supplied with fuel, food and clothing, Western officials say.

Victims of 1957 purges

Party rehabilitates exiled Chinese

TOKYO, April 2 (Agencies) — China has extended its rehabilitation of former "rightists" to those who have left the country, according to a dispatch Monday from the official Xinhua (Hsinhua) news agency.

Verdicts have been corrected on those wrongly designated as bourgeois rightists in 1957 who have left the country to live in Hong Kong, Macao or abroad, the Xinhua report, monitored here, said.

In 1957, Chairman Mao Tse-tung announced a period of dissent, letting "a hundred flowers bloom, a hundred schools of thought contend." Surprised by ensuing strong criticism of the

government, and even the Communist Party, he quickly cracked down on those who had spoken openly, purging many as "rightists."

"Following the party policy on correcting verdicts on wrongly designed rightists, a number of Guangdong (Kwangtung) provincial organizations found that some people in their organizations had gone to live in Hong Kong, Macao or abroad. Though absence of the person posed difficulties for investigation, the first group of wrong verdicts has been corrected. Those investigating took great pains to find the present address of the people involved and mailed noti-



TEXAS: Linda May Burnett, 31, a Nederland housewife sentenced to death recently for murder. Mrs. Burnett will be the only woman on death row in Huntsville, Texas. (AP photo).

Grenade attack wounds black Namibian official

WINDHOEK, April 2 (AP) — Presumed guerrillas lobbed a hand grenade into the bedroom of a prominent South-West Africa black politician early Monday but he was later reported out of danger at a hospital.

Josefa Taapopi, minister of agriculture for Ovambo Province, which borders Angola, was hit by grenade shrapnel which ripped through his bedroom, Ovambo Chief Minister Cornelius Ndjolo said.

Guerrillas have recently stepped up their activities after 12 years of war as the mandatory

power, South Africa, and the United Nations wrangle over a U.N. peace plan for eventual independence of Namibia.

The first contingent of up to 7,500 U.N. peacekeeping troops was to have arrived here last month in preparation for a U.N. supervised election for independence by September.

But South Africa, which has administered the territory since 1920 after Germany had to give it up after World War I, is still standing firm on demands for U.N. monitoring of guerrilla bases in Angola.

Prime minister Pieter Botha and Foreign Minister Roelf Botha, no relation, were in Windhoek, the territory's capital, on Monday for talks with local leaders about the progress of negotiations with the United Nations.

Giscard visit to Moscow set

PARIS, April 2 (R) — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing will visit the Soviet Union from April 26 to 28, it was announced simultaneously in Paris and Moscow Monday.

The visit was originally scheduled for last week. It was postponed at the last minute without any official explanation, but it was understood in Paris then that it was put off because President Leonid Brezhnev was ill.

Human rights disregarded, Lisbon says

Portugal protests Mozambique execution

LISBON, April 2 (AP) — Portugal's relations with its former colony Mozambique have worsened as Lisbon released a strongly-worded protest against the execution in Maputo Saturday of a Portuguese national.

The protest, distributed by the Foreign Ministry, accused Mozambique of failing to meet "fundamental principles inscribed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights" by not informing the Lisbon embassy in Maputo of the trial, death sentence and execution of Rui Manuel Nunes

da Silva, 38, a Portuguese national.

Nunes da Silva was tried Friday by a newly-created court, the Military Revolutionary Tribunal, on charges of being an anti-government mercenary. Two Rhodesians and seven Mozambicans were also tried under charges of espionage and high treason.

All ten were executed by firing squad Saturday.

The Portuguese government followed with an official statement, also issued by the Foreign

Ministry, expressing "incomprehension and repulsion" at the fact of Nunes da Silva's execution and challenging the legality of his trial.

The statement said the Portuguese government first heard of the case through the news media, and that neither the Mozambican government nor its military informed the embassy before the sentence was made public.

The protest said Nunes da Silva was not given "the minimum guarantees of judicial and diplomatic defense which constitute a basic principle recognized by international practice and by the United Nations organization."

The document added that the swiftness of the execution broke Mozambican law by not permitting the condemned men to petition for clemency.

The paper also expressed doubt over the safety of other Portuguese prisoners in Mozambi-

que's jails and demanded guarantees that their rights under international law be protected.

The military tribunal was set up a few days earlier in response to mounting attacks by forces opposed to the Marxists, causing government of the ruling Frelimo party. Saboteurs set a fuel depot ablaze near the central city of Beira a week before the executions. Causing an estimated \$ 3 million in damage.

Rhodesian army attacks have also increased in the last month.

Portugal granted Mozambique independence in Sept. 1975, over a year after a leftist coup in Lisbon overthrew the 48-year rightwing regime established by the late dictator Antonio Salazar. While Portugal has sought to improve relations with its former colonies since that time, Mozambique's president, Samora Machel, has remained aloof from Lisbon's advances.

Evacuation said planned for Rhodesian children

SALISBURY, Rhodesia April 2 (AP) — Worried parents of more than 50 Rhodesian children are planning to evacuate them to neighboring South Africa during the late April election period, the "Rand Daily Mail" newspaper reported Monday in Johannesburg. It said the Rhodesian Roelof Club was handling the evacuation.

And some 600 elderly reservists were ordered over the weekend to report military duty this week and an undetermined number of civilian men aged 50 to 60 were given medical examinations to determine whether they are fit for duty.

The mobilization began as guerrillas launched another rocket and small arms attack against the big fuel depot in the heart of Salisbury's industrial area Sunday night.

No damage or injuries were reported, police said, in the latest insurgent raid on the depot, which was almost destroyed last December when rockets set millions of gallons of fuel ablaze.

Guerrilla leaders have vowed to sabotage the elections this month, claiming that black candidates are simply "stooges" who will let Rhodesia's white minority continue 90 years of white domination from behind the scenes.

Ice cream may have poisoned 450 Filipinos

MANILA, April 2 (R) — About 450 people, mainly children, were in hospitals around Manila Monday suffering from suspected food poisoning after eating ice cream from the same manufacturer, hospital sources said.

The majority were taken ill Sunday night after eating the ice cream at a party or buying it from a local vendor in the crowded Manila suburb of Tondo.

Some of the children were allowed to go home, but 50 new cases were reported early Monday from another hospital.

The Philippines Health Ministry ordered the manufacturer to halt production pending an investigation.

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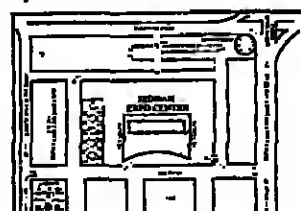
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EGYPT'S CHOICE

"It's very hard to visualize Begin in Cairo, but here we are, and I hope he will not come again for many, many years."

These are the comments of an ordinary Egyptian citizen; who like the overwhelming majority of Arabs, is dumbfounded by the succession of humiliations and affronts he has been dealt in the name of peace.

As if the tragic treaty between Egypt and Israel was not enough to sadden and hurt the pride of every Arab with a trace of self-respect, Mr. Sadat has elected to add insult to injury by inviting Menahem Begin to the Egyptian capital, in yet another act in the bitter and endless farce.

It is almost inconceivable for the average Arab to look at Egypt as a host to the man who is probably more responsible for bringing grief and tragedy to the Arabs than any other person alive. It is with bitterness and regret that the Arabs must now shun the country that has always been at the forefront of their struggle and aspirations. Egypt has championed the revival of Arab nationalism and identity — qualities that were almost obliterated by years under Ottoman and colonial rule. It has also paid the highest price; in war and in peace, to heal the Arabs' injured pride and give a sense of direction and purpose. These are contributions and sacrifices that fuel the indignation of Arabs who see them being washed away by the obsession of one man to go down in history as the "man of peace," despite every indication that the peace Mr. Sadat is pursuing is more distant than ever.

In the final analysis, Mr. Sadat has chosen a solitary path he hoped he could make the rest of the Arab world follow with a measure of arm-twisting by common friends. It did not work, and Egypt will unfortunately suffer the consequences of the rash gamble. But there is still hope that the Egyptian people will have the power of their conviction to put forth their case to their leader, who prides himself on his democratic principles, to undo the considerable damage to what's left of Arab unity.

Despite the events of the last few weeks, Arabs in general still believe that President Sadat is a man of principles. It is through this belief that he is called upon to put his objectives and vision to the acid test — the test of the popular will. Reason dictates that the choice Mr. Sadat has made on behalf of his people, should reflect the aspirations of those who have put their lives on the line for their country and for the Arab nation. They deserve to be heard.

Thatcher's chances

By Adam Raphael

LONDON —

The fall of James Callaghan's Labor government in a House of Commons vote marks the start of what is likely to be one of the toughest and most bitterly fought British general election campaigns this century.

The jubilant cheers of the Conservative MPs on Wednesday night signalled that Callaghan was the first prime minister to be ousted by a vote of confidence since Ramsay MacDonald, the first Labor politician to win the job, 55 years ago.

Much is at stake in the election, which has been announced for May 3. Both Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher, the Conservative leader, believe that whichever party wins will be in power for at least a decade.

That is because the bonus of North Sea oil offers whichever government is in power during the 1980s a respite from the continual balance of payments crises which have dogged the British economy since the war.

Economic issues will be at the center of the campaign. After three years of holding down pay increases in his battle against inflation, Callaghan's final months were marked by a wave of strikes, particularly among public service workers determined to recover their place in the pay league.

Labor still maintains that its understanding with the trade unions (who provide much of its financial support) gives it a better chance of maintaining industrial peace and reaching new agreements with workers on controlling inflation, which has recently begun to creep past the 10 per cent mark once more.

Mrs Thatcher, who now has her long-awaited chance to become the first woman prime minister of a major Western country, places great emphasis on her "free enterprise" philosophy — encouragement of individual initiative by reducing taxes and curbing government intervention in industry.

The end came for Callaghan after he failed to hold the support of two Irish members in the confidence vote and lost by 311 to 310. For months his minority government had been kept in power by the Scottish National Party, which gave its support in return for progress towards home rule for Scotland.

The failure of the home rule proposals to win sufficient votes in the referendum in Scotland last month and Callaghan's attempts to delay further consideration of the issue led the Nationalists to vote with the Conservatives in the confidence vote.

The general assumption, which has pushed share prices up to record levels, is that Labor is heading for its most serious election defeat since World War II. But the result is not a foregone conclusion.

The Conservatives will have to secure a swing in popular support of more than 4 per cent to be assured of even a narrow overall majority in the Commons. To get a comfortable majority, say of 30 seats in the 635-member Lower House, they would probably need a swing of 6 per cent.

Forecasts of a crushing Tory win rest primarily on two pieces of evidence. The 30 or so by-elections in the four-and-a-half year life of this parliament have shown an average swing to the Conservatives of about 10 per cent. But by-elections are not a particularly good guide to general elections.

Moreover, the most recent by-elections have not been so discouraging to Labor. Since the Ashfield debacle two years ago, when there was a Tory swing of more than 20 per cent, the swings against the government, with one exception, have all been in single figures.

The second piece of evidence offered in support of a big Tory win is the public opinion polls. In February the survey conducted by Market and Opinion Research International, the Labor Party's private pollsters, showed the Tories ahead by 19 points.

Last month that lead was reduced to 13 points — a sharp decline, but still a huge margin, which could give Mrs Thatcher a very large majority, probably over 100.

But opinion polls are not meant to be, and indeed have not proved to be, accurate predictors of general elections. The rise in nationalism and of the minority parties in British politics has made the art — and it is no science — more difficult.

In the last election, October 1974, the polls' poor performance led to bitter recriminations. The actual results was a 3.7 per cent win for Labor. But the last published results given by various polls showed a Labor lead varying between 4.5 per cent and 14.5 per cent.

Assuming, though, that the latest polls do give a precisely accurate check of current political opinion, it would need only six voters in every 100 to change their minds for the Tory lead to be wiped out. That is not an impossible target for Labor during a long campaign, given the current volatility of the British electorate.

Callaghan has a number of powerful campaign themes on hand, among them inflation, unemployment and continuing disputes about Britain's membership of the European Community.

There is in addition one crucial sleeping issue — male chauvinism — which will probably not be much discussed in the campaign, but which must give Callaghan a ray of hope. What the British voter will do in the privacy of the polling booth, when confronted by the choice of voting for a woman or a man as prime minister, is one of the great unknown factors in the coming election.

Mrs Thatcher's public appeal has recently improved, but her popularity as measured by polls has consistently run behind that of her party.

None of this will avail Callaghan enough, however, if the industrial disputes in the civil service are not settled quickly. Labor has to be able to claim that it can deal with the unions, otherwise its claim to be party of government looks very fragile.

One other troubling development faces Callaghan. It is not of his making, he can do little about it — the decline in support for the Liberal Party, whose 13 members voted with Labor for a time last year.

There are nearly 100 marginal seats in the election. Two-thirds of these are Labor-held seats, all of which would be threatened if the Tory swing approached 7 per cent. But in many of these seats there were large Liberal votes in 1974.

If this vote is badly squeezed, Mrs Thatcher may arrive in Downing Street with a secure majority, even if the Labor vote holds relatively firm. In this election Callaghan's fate, whether he likes it or not, rides along with that of the Liberals. — (OFNS)



A day in the life of Khomeini

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ayatollah Khomeini, the architect of the Iranian revolution, lives an ascetic life in the holy city of Qom. An Associated Press reporter visited Khomeini's residence to report on the work day of the man who still effectively controls the nation of 34 million despite challenges to his rule.

By Ali Reza Jahan-Shahi

QOM, Iran —

At the age of 78, Ayatollah Khomeini is still spending nearly 17-hour days in the driver's seat of the Iranian revolution and shows no sign of relinquishing control over his country's destiny.

While the Khomeini-appointed revolutionary government of Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan is slowly increasing its own power in Tehran, the edicts and appeals that issue from Khomeini's modest brick house in this city of domed mosques and holy places still have first claim on the national attention.

From his 4:30 a.m. prayers to his spartan meals and hours of conferences with advisors, Khomeini sets an example of the hard working lifestyle he expects other Iranians to follow. He has recently criticized the Bazargan government for continuing to work in luxury in the prime minister's offices in Tehran.

"The Ayatollah has said that in order to reconstruct this country, which was left in ruins by the former Shah, we all have to work extra hard. The Ayatollah himself is no exception," said Ayatollah Pasandideh, Khomeini's son-in-law and a religious leader himself.

"Thank God the Almighty provides him with adequate energy," he added.

The laconic Khomeini has taken to rising for prayers at 4:30 a.m., when only streetcleaners and devout theological students can be seen on Qom's streets.

Aides say he breakfasts on two cups of tea and small portions of local bread, cheese and butter before emerging at 5:30 a.m. from the Andaruni — the quarter of his house that is off limits to all but his closest family members.

A morning briefing by aides includes the latest developments in the country and a report on the thousands of letters that reach the Ayatollah daily.

Jerusalem : Focus of a conflict

By Marcus Eliason

JERUSALEM —

Once this was a city defended by walls. Walls still surround it, but they are of a different sort — towering apartment blocks peopled by Jews.

These pale brown urban eyesores rearing up around Jerusalem's Arab sector were not built to look pretty, but to drive home Israel's intention to keep Jerusalem — all of it — forever.

Invaded hundreds of times in the past 4,000 years, Jerusalem has always been the glittering prize of conquerors.

Today it still lies at the heart of the Middle East conflict, the rock-hard core that is sure to remain in contention even if the myriad disputes around it are melted away by the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

A pleasant city of 370,000 Jerusalem, which means "city of peace," is dotted with mosques, churches, synagogues and olive groves.

But amid the euphoria over the signing of the peace treaty, President Anwar Sadat saw fit to repeat his demand that the Arab half of Jerusalem come under Arab sovereignty. During the signing in Washington, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin saw fit to repeat that Jerusalem "would never again be divided."

In 1917, when the British took Jerusalem, Zionism was gathering momentum, and thousands of Jews were flocking to Palestine.

The growth of the Jewish population caused increasing unrest among the Arabs, inflamed by the proximity of Jewish and Muslim holy sites on Mt. Moriah.

Here among the scuffling Jews and Muslims and the clash of Jewish voices chanting psalms and Muslims summoning the faithful to prayer, the Mideast conflict comes into focus.

Khomeini then begins the major part of his day, a long stream of meetings with government officials, other religious leaders and the thousands of followers and supplicants who gather in the narrow street outside his one-story house. It is here that many national policies are set.

Khomeini's revolutionary tribunals have ordered the execution of officials of the old regime. His aides have tried to enforce new, modest standards in women's dress and the Ayatollah's representatives are in every branch of the government and economy.

At times, Khomeini goes on national radio and television to issue national appeals, including pleas for people to participate in the national referendum last week on the establishment of an Islamic republic. But with the 200,000 citizens of Qom, a small seminary town, Khomeini has preferred personal contact.

"In recent weeks when Khomeini wanted to personally urge as many people as possible to participate in the referendum, he had no choice other than to stand atop the roof of his house and wave to the crowds," Ayatollah Pasandideh said. "He went out often in rain showers, covered by an umbrella."

Khomeini breaks off his audiences precisely at noon for midday prayers, which he holds at the Qom central mosque.

His unvarying lunch consists of soup with lamb meat and one potato, topped off with a dessert of a single orange.

After lunch, Khomeini has been taking a two-hour siesta, with guards outside his house discouraging loud noises in the street. Khomeini meets with close advisers for one hour in the late afternoon.

The religious leader returns to the Andaruni for his evening prayers and a dinner of fruit. His last meeting with his aides and envoys bringing news from Tehran takes place from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

Aides say Khomeini recites verses from the Holy Koran, for several hours each night until midnight. He often awakens at 3 a.m. for prayer and Koran reading before morning prayers.

His political appeals to his countrymen are often couched in religious terms. In his half-political, half-religious life in Qom, Khomeini underscores the close linkage he sees between religion and the state. — (AP)

saudi press review

"The decisions taken by the foreign ministers in Baghdad are consistent with the spirit of the Arab summit resolutions," according to Al-Medina.

"The Arabs' reaction to the disastrous war of 1967 and to Egyptian detachment made itself felt in such a strong manner."

"The decisions were taken in view of Egypt's violation of all the commitments it had made and promised to hold on to during several Arab summit resolutions. But the decisions have also served the purpose of rejuvenating Arab solidarity and the ability to act collectively," the paper added.

"These resolutions were not easy to take, as Prince Saud explained, since they were aimed at Egypt, a dear part of the Arab world, but they were unavoidable if the Arabs were to maintain and preserve their higher interests and their unity of action," the paper said.

"It is unfortunate that the con-

ference merely dealt with the reaction to Egyptian actions but not with future strategy, and alternatives to solve their problems which include Israeli occupation, the Palestinian question and the Judaization of the occupied lands.

"Should there be a military alternative or is there a political solution to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict? What should be done to get things moving once again. These questions were left unanswered because they were shelved while the Arabs dealt with the question of a separate peace between Egypt and Israel. But they are there and waiting for a clear Arab solution," the paper concluded.

Another commentary in "Al-Medina" said the Baghdad decisions "dealt with the easier side of the issue, since they did not attend to the main problem of the future of the occupied lands and the Palestinian question."

"It is logical to condemn and denounce but there should be a plan of action which can produce a practical alternative to restore our rights. We need to take a historic step to change the balance sheet in our favor."

Commenting on the Lebanese premier's visit to Saudi Arabia, "Okaz" said the Lebanese problem "is inextricably linked to the Arab-Israeli conflict. Whatever the results of this conflict, they are bound to affect the course of events in Lebanon since Israel has been committing aggression against the country since the war of 1967. It must be assumed that conditions in Lebanon are an integral part of the recent serious developments in the region. With this in view, and in view of the special role that is being played by Saudi Arabia in the Middle East, we expect the Saudi-Lebanese talks to be very important indeed."

"The application of the foreign

ministers resolutions has served notice to all concerned that the Arabs not only react but can act as well. It also shows that the Arab world is determined and capable of taking collective action against any country that defies the Arab will and flouts its aspirations," "Al-Nadwa" commented.

"It will prove to those who engineered the flimsy peace that no peace can be achieved unless it is endorsed by the Arab world as a whole and unless it takes into account Arab aspirations."

"The decisions taken in Baghdad prove that there is no ambiguity in the Kingdom's policy with regard to Arab issues, and especially, the Palestinian problem."

"This policy states that there will be no real peace as long as the Palestinians are denied their rights, as long as Arab land is occupied and the people in the occupied

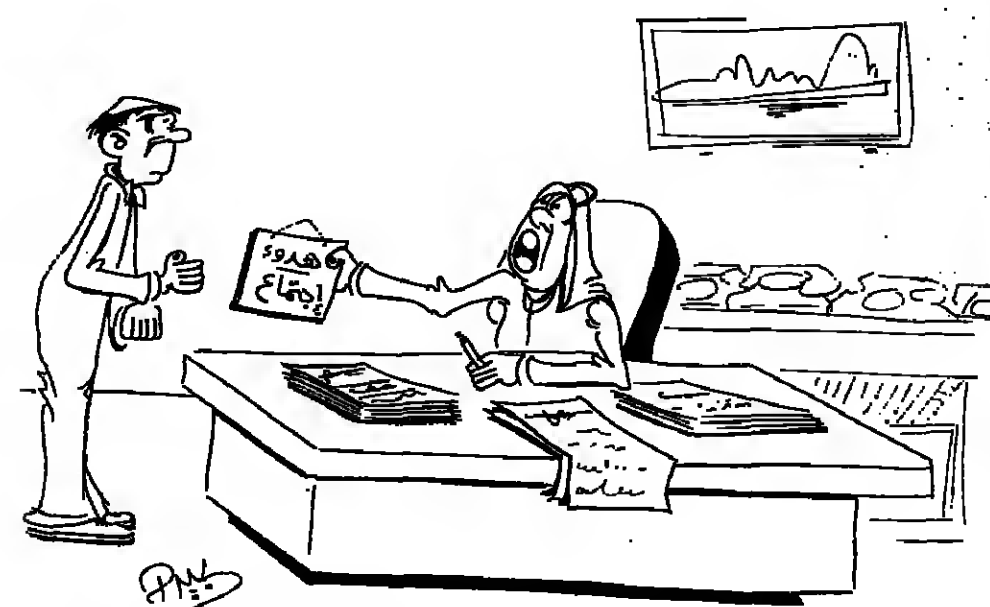
lands are suppressed. But the Arab reaction will not stop at the decisions. It will persevere until all the rights are restored."

"Because of increasing state care and welfare, Saudi citizens may have grown too dependent on state aid and comfort," according to "Al-Medina."

"We are watching the increasing practice of people looking to the state for every comfort while offering nothing in return."

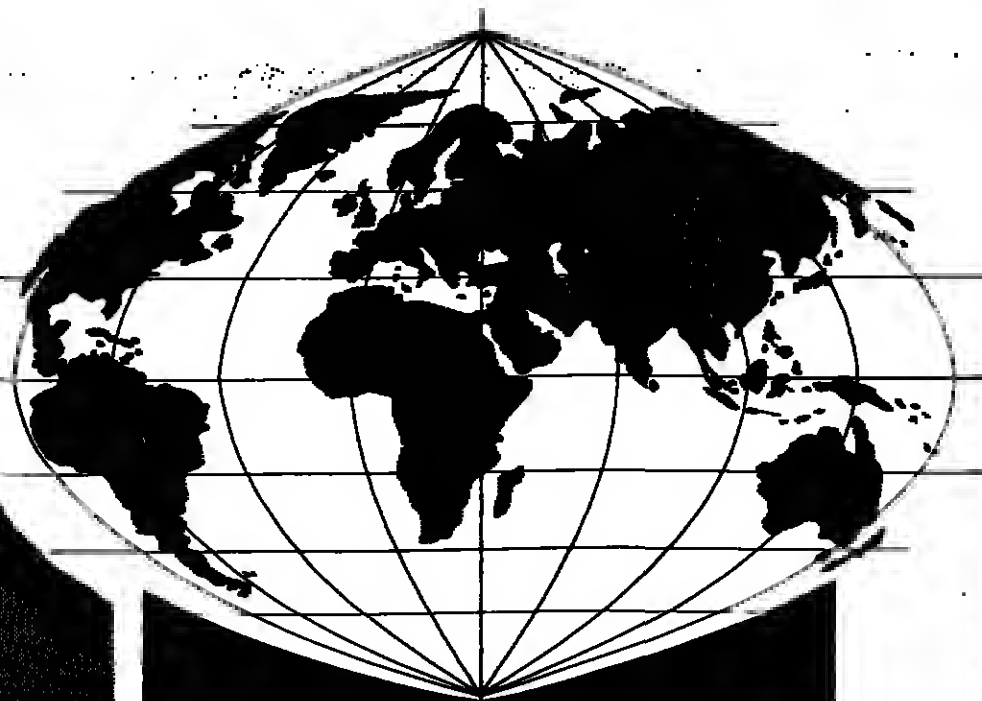
"This is noticeable in various fields. Borrowers from the real estate fund were shocked when they were asked to start repaying their debts, farmers immediately cable the authorities for financial assistance in case of heavy rains or drought."

"While admitting that it may be difficult to treat such a situation, the paper proposed a form of mild taxation to help subdue the practice."

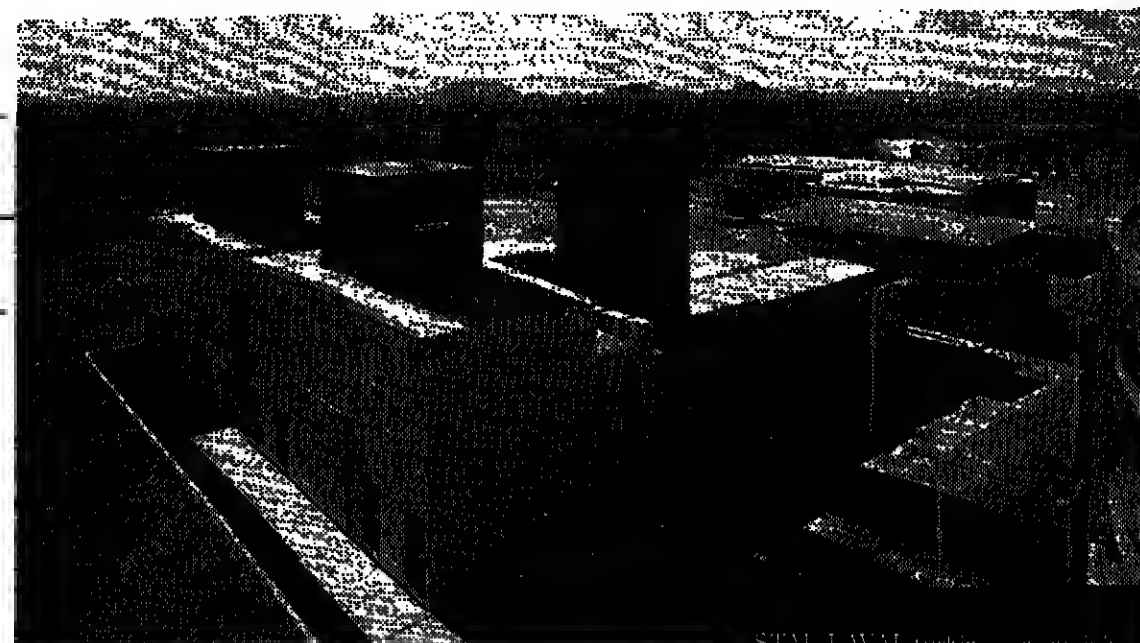


"... هات لي الجرايد والشاي وحط هادا على الباب ..."
 Civil servant to office boy: Get me my tea and the papers and hang this "Don't Disturb, meeting in progress" sign on the door. — Okaz

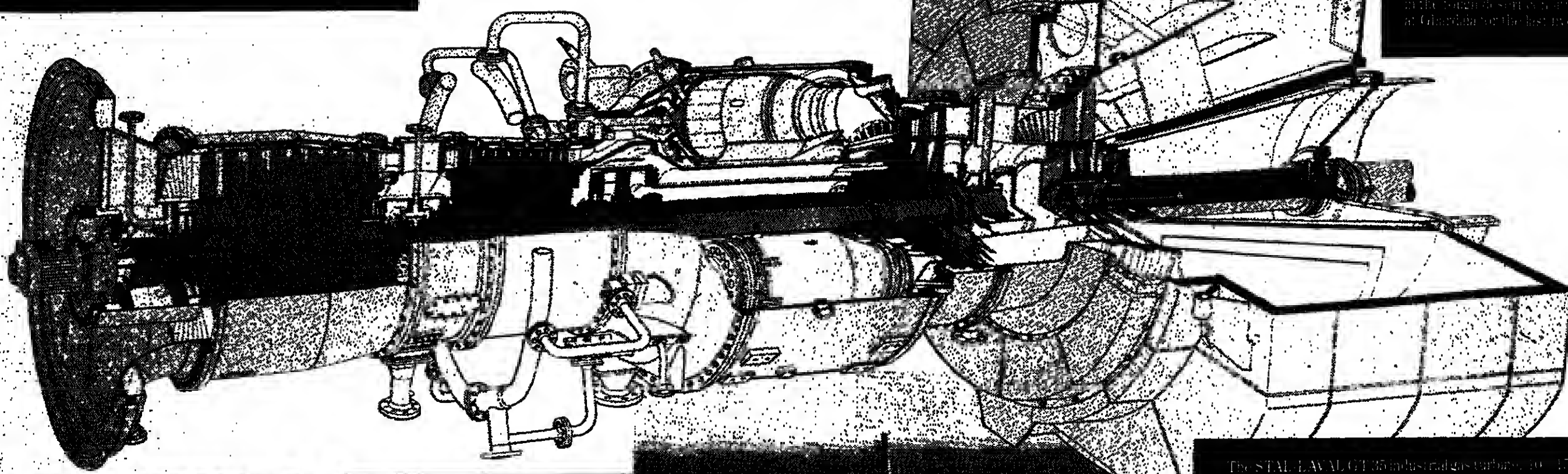
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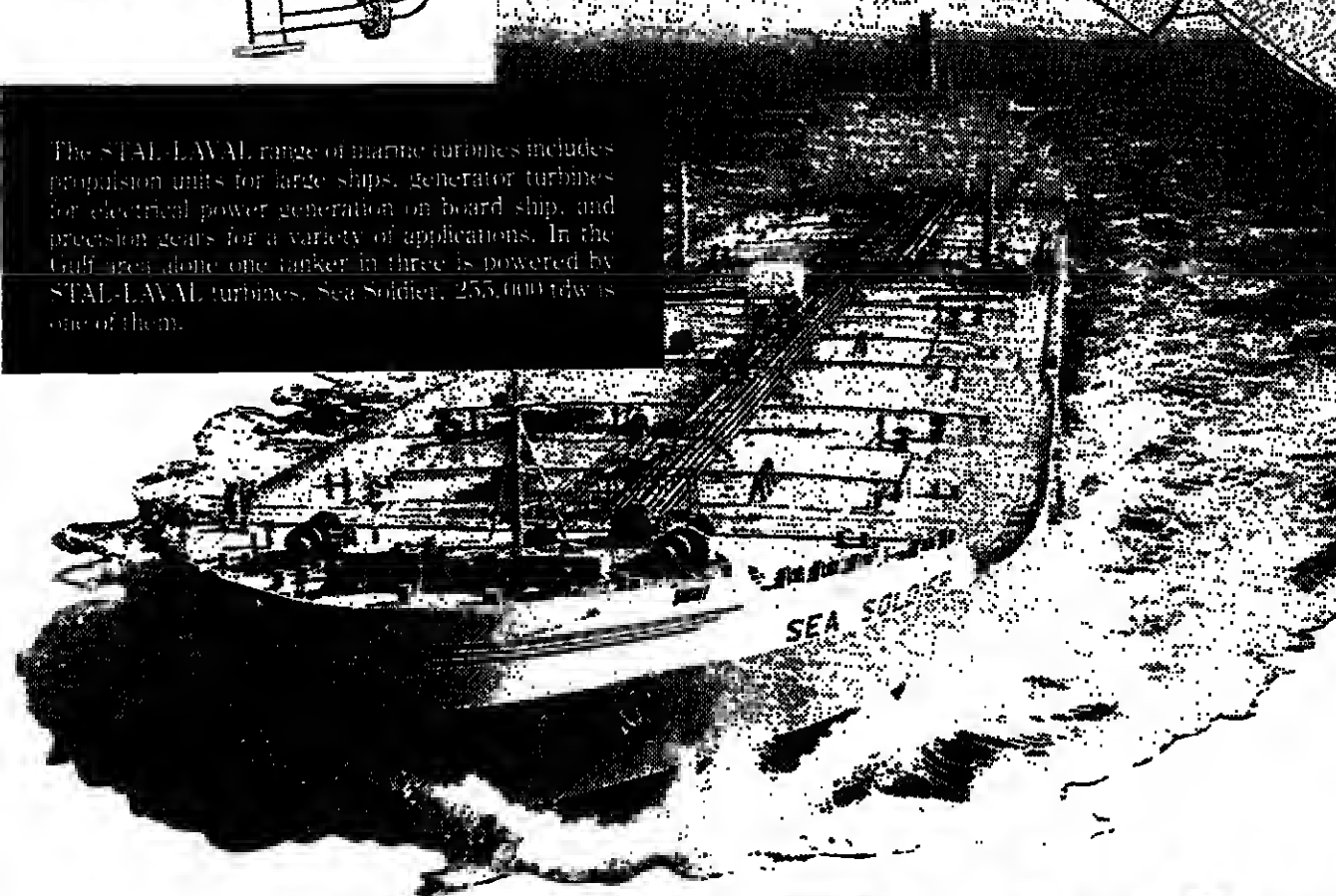
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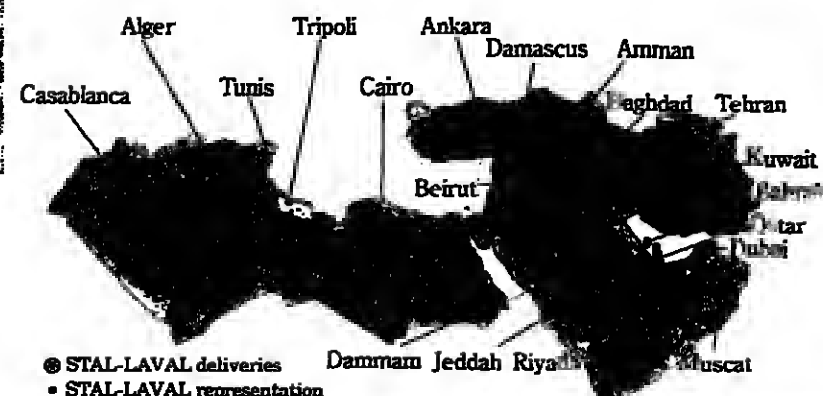
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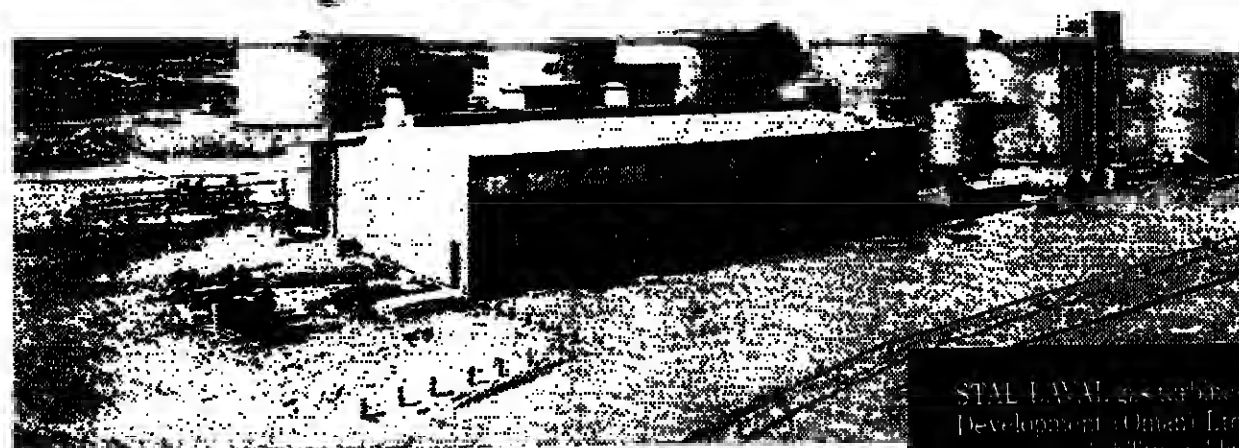


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Down on the farm in the Hofuf oasis

By Clare Kent

HOFUF — Two hours' drive from Dammam, across barren desert dotted with oil wells and gas flares, lies Hofuf, a small town in an extensive oasis. Palm trees rise up from dense undergrowth. Reeds and beautiful tall grasses hide an abundance of small wild flowers.

Throughout this oasis, concrete irrigation channels built by the German construction company Philip Holzmann stand out above the ground. Their bare grey concrete is ugly, but their existence has meant that the water rushing up out of the ground here can be controlled and channeled evenly throughout the area. It is the lifeline for a considerable amount of farming in Hofuf.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Water has set up several experimental farms here. At one of them, a research team sponsored by the University College of North Wales has been assigned to find out which animals do best here and what fodder is best and most economical for them.

"We're always pleased to see visitors here," said Steve Clark, the head of the research team. "Not many people realize how much the Ministry is doing in the way of research in this field. Farming is the last thing most would think of in connection with Saudi Arabia."

Clark, who is known as "Mr. Steve" around the farm, stopped working on the motor of a cement mixer for a moment. Nearby there was a pulsating pump and the sound of rushing water.

"This is not the best area for farming in the Kingdom," Clark said. "Too much humidity and too many salts in the sand. But we have been working on these problems for the past eight years. I'll show you what we have done."

Clark moved over to the pump. Beside the farm's deep well stand two dilapidated-looking tractors. The engines have been reconditioned, however, providing tractor power to work the water pump.

From the well, water is pumped up into an elevated concrete reservoir, and then runs into an irrigation channel carrying it all

of the Hofuf region can be cut 12 times a year — a very high yield — but it must be replanted every two years.

Passing a long sprinkler in one field, Clark said the team hopes to use more sprinkling in the future. Watering by irrigation requires absolutely flat land to get even distribution of water, and this has some drawbacks, Clark explained



An irrigation channel

over the farm.

The farm extends over 150 acres. It has 500 sheep and 200 head of cattle, including 70 milk cows. The sheep — of which there are both imported and local varieties — are kept for meat only. Although kept together at times, these sheep tend not to mix and interbreed.

The outer rings of the farm are a lush green. Clark's team has experimented with all kinds of alfalfa, only to learn that the local variety is still the best. The alfalfa

that the North Wales team flooded some areas of land to test levels before planting, and found that salt in the ground was not washed as deeply away from the roots of seedlings as it is with overhead sprinkling.

The animals are kept in the central area of the farm. Some of this area, with sheep grazing in a field of green grass, could be a scene from the English countryside but for the telltale concrete irrigation channels running through the landscape.

Surprisingly, many of the sheep are long-haired. Their thick coats seem superfluous in this climate. But Clark explained that, in fact, the thick coats keep the sheep cooler. The team has measured temperatures of the outer coat and skin of the sheep, and the findings were that skin temperature was often as much as 40 degrees Fahrenheit cooler.



The cow pens

The cows are all in shaded pens. There are creamy-brown Jerseys with doe-like eyes and larger, black-and-white Friesians (less friendly) housed in neighboring pens.

The pens have sandy floors, pipe fences, palm-frond roofing and concrete feeding troughs.

"We have found this quite the best housing for cows in this climate," Clark said. "Cows generate a lot of heat. In a concrete cowshed, even with air conditioning, the heat would be overpower-

ing. A cow shed in the coldest climate is the best place to get warmed up!"

There are many calves of different ages. Clark showed off a one-day-old baby on wobbly legs while its mother watched patiently. "This is her third one," he said. "She trusts us now. They are much more possessive and aggressive with their first one."

vehicle to move him anywhere." Friesians and Jerseys do well in the heat, but like humans, they find humidity harder to bear. Last year there was an unusually prolonged period of humid weather, and the cows stopped eating and milk yield dropped to nil. This was followed by illness and the death of one cow.

The milking shed is small, with machines to milk only a few cows at a time. Six-inch wide strips of plastic hang at the open doorways of the shed. Clark said he brought them back from England the previous summer in an attempt to keep the flies out, and the experiment has been reasonably successful.

"It took the cows about two weeks to be convinced they could walk through them," he recalled. "We hung them each side of the doorway at first, then gradually closed up the gap in the middle with them."

All of the milk produced at the farm is sold fresh in Hofuf.

There are about 200 Saudi laborers employed at the farm. They tend the watering of crops and the feeding of animals. There is a high turnover of laborers, however, as they move on fairly quickly to higher-paying jobs in the towns.

Besides these workers, 12 Saudi graduate technicians and four families from Britain run the farm and plan and carry out the necessary research.

Steve Clark and his wife live in a small house on the farm. They grow all their own vegetables, and Clark does any secretarial work that crops up. They seem to enjoy their life, making their own enter-

tainment and occasionally visiting Al-Khobar for shopping and a meal out.

But at the moment, their future is uncertain. A Gulf institute is

being formed by the Saudi government to study farming in all its aspects in the whole of the Gulf area. The University College of North Wales is withdrawing from the scene.

German guitarist sets Saudi concerts

By F.W. Rawling

JEDDAH — Helmut Malo, sponsored by Lufthansa and the Jeddah Concert Committee, has returned to Saudi Arabia after a successful tour in 1977, to delight his audiences once again with sensitive interpretations of a wide range of classical guitar music.

He is to perform in Jeddah Tuesday night at the British Ambassador's Residence at 8 p.m. and again on Thursday, April 5, at the same time at Hochstet. He will later perform in Riyadh and Dhahran.

The Jeddah program will include music by John Dowland and other Renaissance composers, J.S. Bach's Prelude, Fugue and Allegro (1998) and Frank Martin's "Quatre Pieces Breves," which is a modern, free-tonal composition recalling old suite forms. The second part of the concert will include five Preludes by Heitor Villa-Lobos.

Malo, who is 27, began playing the classical guitar seriously ten years ago. He has studied under Karl Scheit in Vienna and he gave his first concert in 1974 in Hansa-Lemgo. This was a great success and his more recent performances have also received enthusiastic acclaim.

He admits to a great affection for John Dowland's lute music. "He was the first composer to show deep emotion and his music seems to soar, also, to wonderful heights of feeling. John Bream interprets Dowland perfectly, and I should like to study with him," Malo said.

"My favorite composer, though, is Francesco da Milano (1497-1543), who produced a superb repertoire of music for that period. Of course, it was written for the lute, but it is very easily transcribed for the guitar."

When he returns to Europe, Malo, who has already achieved some academic distinction as a musician, will continue teaching the guitar in Switzerland. He hopes, before long, to get an appointment as a teacher in a conservatoire.

Blue suede shoes Carl Perkins gets his act together

By Paul Hendrickson

WASHINGTON — In the pantheon of rockabilly, Carl Perkins has his own place. He was there at the beginning, along with Elvis and Jerry Lee and John R. Cash at Sun Studios at 706 Union St. in Memphis when an unknown genius named Sam Phillips began turning knobs and dials of an unheard-of phenomenon: white Southern boys jumping to black rhythm and blues.

Presley and Lewis and Cash all took off, of course, comets of various brightness and style. Elvis eventually went Vegas; Jerry Lee became "the killer;" Cash became the "man in black" and stuck close to country.

The fourth member of that million-dollar quartet, the one who was said to combine the Hank Williams vocal abilities with a raucous, sputtering guitar, never really got into the stratosphere. Self-doubt and a plague of debilitating accidents played a hand in that. And yet today, the rock historians clamor around, the audiences are bigger and more appreciative than ever, fronting

for nobody but himself. In England, his new album is a hit. It's called, "Ol' Blue Suede's Back."

"Son, I feel better and more excited about my career than when I cut my first record with Sam Phillips. I really do," says the molasses voice, suddenly rising like a river. "I even feel younger. I don't sit in the motel room hang over anymore. And when I'm done with a show, seems like I have to sign records for a good hour. Hell, some of these albums are 20 years old. They bring up old 78s of 'Blue Suede Shoes'."

His current tour started at the Boarding House in San Francisco, Perkins says. "Now I'm going to tell you like it is. I was just a scared old man when I got up there on stage. I'd played backup for John Cash all these years — I forgot what it was like to be the main event. I looked down at all those faces and said, 'Now folks, let's get something clear right off, just so you don't think I'm a smart-alec or a jerk or anything else. I'm flat scared out here.'"

What happened?

"Hell, son, they all stood and



Carl Perkins

started clapping. I hadn't played a note."

Carl Perkins calls nearly everyone "son." No offense—just Southern affection.

Something else you have to understand, he says: The mystique of Suede shoes in the deep South back in the 50s. "Man, if you had sueded in that part of the country, you were a cat."

Got the idea for the tune, he says, (which sold two million copies before Elvis even touched it), from an overheard remark during a gig.

"This guy right down in front of me swore to this girl she could steal his car before she could step on his new suedes. The line hung with me all night. I wrote it down about 3 o'clock that morning. Didn't have any paper, so took three potatoes out of a brown sack and wrote it on that. My wife Valda and I were living in a bousing project. We didn't have any kids in school, and our relatives just about lived right there in Jackson with us. So I wouldn't have had any writing paper anyway."

This gets a small yuck.

In 1964, he caught his picking hand in a window fan. One finger is permanently crooked, there's little feeling in two others. He learned to play around his disability. He remembers the wild, siren-led drive home to Jackson that day. He thought he was dying. "I was in the back seat and this disc jockey boy was driving. I said, 'Son, can't you go a little faster?' There was this tunnel ahead of me with a pinpoint of light. Everything was beautiful shades of blue."

The next year, in '65, Perkins nearly blew his foot off with a shotgun. "I'm not even supposed to be able to walk. I was crossing this fence, dropped the gun, dove for it." He pulls his sock down to expose two ugly brown rivets in his heel. My wife said, "Carl, I think God's after you." I started thinking.

Johnny Cash came to visit. "He said, 'Damn, Perkins, every time I read about you in the papers, you've just laid yourself up.' Now Cash himself wasn't doing so hot. He weighed about 135 pounds. He was on his pill kick. He told me to come with him on tour. Eventually, we threw away our bad habits."

Carl Perkins' autobiography has just come out. It's called "Disciple in Blue Suede Shoes." He means "Disciple" in the Biblical sense. He's found himself — and his God. "I say in the book I'm not the man I need to be and not the man I want to be, but thank God I'm not the man I used to be."

History has its curious footnotes. One cold day in early 1957, Carl Perkins booked session time

at Sun Studios. He thought it was going to be just another session. He paid a blond-headed rocker named Jerry Lee Lewis, who had yet to hit any fame, \$15 to come in and play piano all day. Cash was there — he had nothing else to do and just wanted to listen. After awhile, Presley walked in. He belonged to RCA Victor by then; he was already immortal. He had come by to see his old cronies.

Presley sat at the piano. Jerry Lee sang tenor, Cash bass; Perkins came in with his deep, lonesome wail. Sam Phillips turned on the machine, and the result, which survives today as a single piece of recording tape, is one hour and 15 minutes of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, and Carl Perkins singing their hearts out on gospel. Perkins thinks the tape is worth millions. The issue of the tape is currently in court.

"I say that tape belongs to me. It was my session. For years I didn't even know there was a tape. I'd always heard stories about one, but I never knew for sure. Now that we know, I intend fighting for it. I don't want the money for myself particularly. I swear I'd like to give some of it to poor kids around this country." Long pause. The old picker grins. "I can almost hear Elvis up there now saying, 'Carl, I'm right behind you.'"

Plenty of writing took place, paper or no. Ricky Nelson's first song — "Bopping the Blues" — was a Carl Perkins tune. Bob Dylan cut "Match Box" in Minnesota when he was still Robert Zimmerman; only 250 copies were pressed. Other Perkins songs were recorded by Patsy Cline. Once, in England, the Beatles cut three of his tunes while he looked on. Last April, Paul McCartney gave him a party. — (WP)

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Soviet press undergoes shakeup

By Barton Reppert

MOSCOW — In the wake of pointed criticism by President Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet Union's government-controlled newspapers, radio and television are undergoing changes aimed at grabbing the attention of readers, listeners and viewers.

By Western standards, the changes — ranging from a new nationwide television program of foreign affairs to modernized layout of newspaper pages — appear modest.

However, they are major steps in this country, where for decades the news media have been distinguished largely by stodginess and rivers of official propaganda.

In this unusually tough criticism on Nov. 27, Brezhnev asserted that Soviet media failed to provide "enough principled, major statements touching on urgent problems of economic and social life."

He told the Communist Party's central committee that "not infrequently, newspaper materials and television and radio broadcasts are not convincing enough. They are overburdened with general phrases which say nothing to the mind or the heart."

Brezhnev was particularly hard on coverage of foreign news.

It is high time to make reporting on international affairs simpler, more understandable and more concrete," he declared.

International commentaries

should follow, as they say, hot on the heels of events and sum them up. What we need is not a repetition of accepted truths, but a depth and well-argued analysis of the facts of international life."

Within weeks of the speech, changes began, including:

— A new television program, "Today in the World," broadcast Monday through Friday evenings in two separate 15-minute editions. It is devoted to foreign news and commentary. The show's informal format contrasts with the stiff tone of most Soviet newscasts.

— Upgrading the main evening television news program, "Time," with headlines at the start of the show as well as new graphics and theme music. The program's regular 30-minute air time has been expanded by five minutes.

— A new design for one of the two pages normally allotted to international news in the government newspaper "Izvestia," which has a nationwide circulation of more than eight million. The new layout focuses on a column, headlined "Day of the Planet," bringing together items from around the world.

— Faster reporting and comment on major international developments by the official news agency Tass.

This speedier reaction was illustrated last Monday when Tass carried a Washington-dated advance story about 45 minutes before the scheduled White

House signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

Just as Western news agencies carried bulletins on the signing shortly after 10 p.m. Moscow time, a Radio Moscow newscaster was simultaneously presenting for Soviet listeners the Tass account — labelling the treaty "an act of capitulation and treason."

Some Moscow observers say the more rapid reporting apparently is geared to offset Western short-wave radio broadcasts, such as those of the Voice of America and the British Broadcasting Corp.

In the past, Soviet listeners often learned of major overseas developments via Western stations several hours or even days before they were mentioned in the Soviet media.

An official of the Soviet state committee for television and radio, however, denied that Western broadcasts were a significant factor behind the upgrading effort.

"Our government is not especially concerned that our people listen to programs of the BBC and Voice of America," said Yuri Letunov, a member of the state committee's information board and former chief editor of the "Time" news program.

In an interview, Letunov said the media changes were in accord with "Leninist traditions" of propaganda.

"We now have more concrete broadcasts, because there was criticism that before we had too



David Fryer, an English sculptor, looks over a porcelain sealife creation. Fryer's work is acclaimed for its detail and craftsmanship.

much general talk on the air," he said. "Journalism suffers from the same problem everywhere, not just in our country."

Letunov, who has turned broadcast facilities in the United States, noted, "I respect the work of American journalists and from what I've seen on television, there are many interesting programs."

But in general, the information content is a bit on the poor side... The average American knows much less about the world than our average citizen," he said.

The "Today in the World" program appears to have attracted a large audience. A typical broad-

cast last week dealt at length with internal maneuvering for power within the Chinese leadership, then moved on to items from Vietnam, Cambodia, Egypt, Iran and Britain.

Not all the recent changes have gone over as well.

Some tradition-minded Russians say they're incensed over replacement of the brisk, sprightly theme music which had been used for more than a decade along with the most closely watched portion of the "Time" news program — the weather. — (AP)

'Famille et Développement' African magazine applauded

By Mort Rosenblum

DAKAR, Senegal — One of Africa's most popular magazines is not for the frivolous. "Famille et Développement" helps its readers stay alive.

In Upper Volta, literate villages read it aloud in neighbors. In Mali, a reader sold two chickens to pay for a subscription. Demand is so great that mailmen steal copies to sell.

In areas there are few, if any, newspapers and where magazines tend toward grisly sensation and echoes of European life, "Famille et Développement" is a phenomenon.

"It's the best magazine in Africa," says a Canadian development worker who travels widely. "You can't believe the impact it has on people who depend on it to better their lives."

The quarterly, whose title means "family and development" in English, began with a few thousand copies in 1974. Now it sells 45,000, reaching 500,000 people throughout French-speaking Black Africa.

It confronts issues directly, with emphasis on self-help. Articles focus on sexuality, maternity, rural technology, food production, health and education.

A new section advises rural families what to do if a doctor cannot come until next December, and how to cure maladies with local herbs instead of high-priced packaged medicine. For some, the magazine is the only source of help on delicate matters. One Yoban woman wrote with a problem and added: "If you don't answer, I will kill myself, and you will be the reason."

Famille et Développement, it costs between 45 cents and a dollar and carries no advertising. It is subsidized heavily by the semi-public Canadian International Development Research Center, as well as the Ford Foundation of the United States, the United Nations, the Swiss government, the Catholic Church and other donors.

"We are flabbergasted by our success," says Peter Pradervand, a 42-year-old Swiss sociologist who founded the magazine and still directs it in Dakar. He has a staff of seven Africans.

Pradervand explained the self-help concept was based on fundamental approaches rather than simple how-to formulas. "Our first premise is that our reader is intelligent," he said in an inter-

view. "He may be semi-literate, but he is intelligent. And he is accurately aware of his needs."

Pradervand has worked in Africa since 1965 trying to show people how to help themselves.

Recently a group of youths came to ask for funds for a local project. He noticed every one was smoking, and he calculated that their cigarette expenses, in a brief period, would pay for the project.

They not only raised the money but F and D had the basis for a major article on tobacco abuse among Africans, emphasizing the cost as well as the health dangers.

Although the magazine attacks issues directly, with frank treatment of taboo topics, it is seldom criticized by sensitive governments in its circulation area.

"Most governments do not object to frank stories unless criticism is pointed specifically, and there is seldom need for that," Pradervand says. "If we do not name countries specifically, we can talk about very serious problems."

Because it is aimed at rural areas, F and D has an elaborately complicated distribution system.

In Upper Volta, for example, there are 20 sales points, some of which are cut off in the rainy season. The local airline carries it for free in exchange for complimentary copies. In Togo, it is sold through the Ministry of Information.

"Four-year-old issues sell just like new ones," Pradervand says.

Since the magazine's costs are so much higher than its income, its runaway success is causing problems. The higher the circulation, the larger the deficit.

"It is difficult for us to go completely commercial," says Pradervand. "We want to keep a low price so people can afford it. Our circulation costs are unusually high. Advertising would be difficult because we'd have to be selective. For instance, how can we run an article about the dangers of tobacco and then accept cigarette ads?"

He added that there were no plans for an English translation.

"You can't just translate most of our articles. The English-speaking areas of Africa have a different approach, they see things differently. It would require major rewrites. If anyone wants to imitate us, though, we'd be delighted." — (AP)

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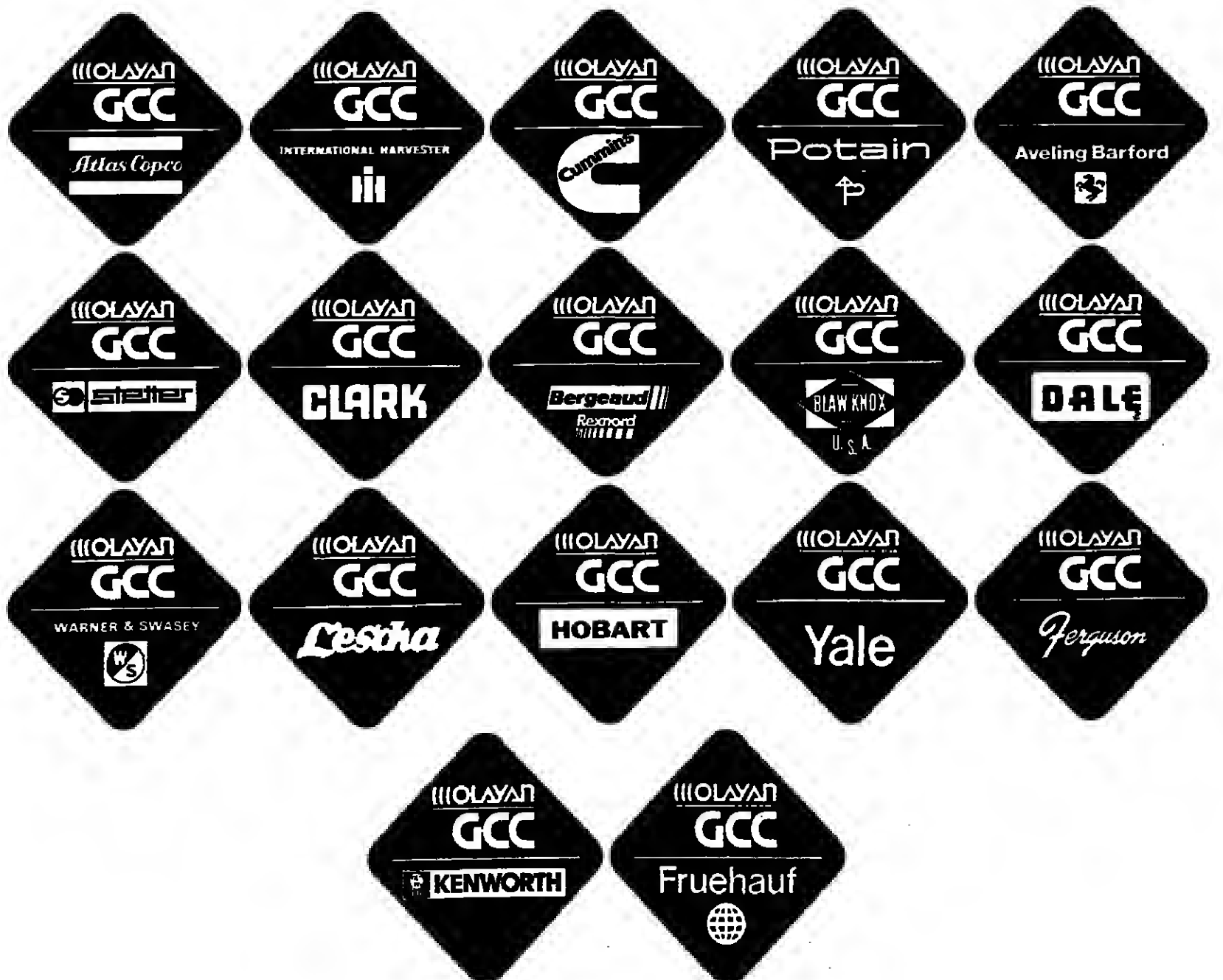
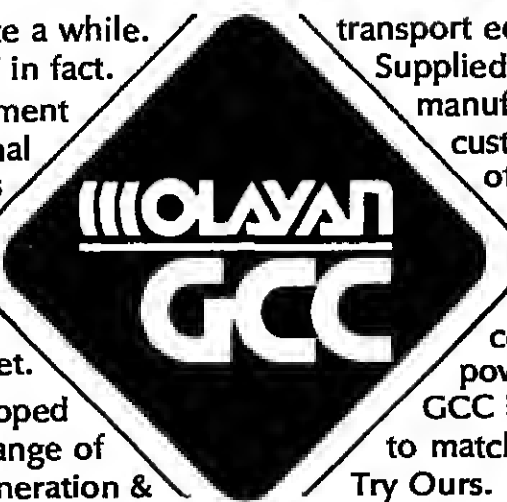
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A total of 750 controllers have already put in formal requests to quit. They have to make such formal requests because they are air force personnel.

The controllers said in a statement Sunday they were demanding civilian takeover of their sector, legal protection in case of accidents adjustment of working hours and improved pay.

Their planned action would ground most flights in Italy and drastically reduce overflights in Italian airspace.

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Venezuela hikes crude prices

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 2 (AP)—Venezuela increased the price of its crude oil exports an average of 18 per cent Sunday and said it may soon charge a premium for "security of supply."

The increase includes the nine per cent authorized last week by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries plus a surcharge of \$ 2.20 a barrel for light and medium crudes and 70 cents for heavy crudes.

At a press conference Saturday, Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said the increases mean Venezuela's most valuable crudes will range in price from \$ 15.39 a barrel for its cheapest medium crude to \$ 17.22 for its lightest crude.

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EEC studies ties with Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey

LUXEMBOURG, April 2 (R) — The European Common Market's relations with Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia are being examined at a two-day ministerial meeting that started here Monday.

Community foreign ministers were to meet to try to thrash out what terms to offer Yugoslavia, whose existing association agreement ran out last year, and Turkey, which has asked for help to ease its desperate financial crisis.

For Turkey, the EEC commission has proposed a "substantial increase" over the present aid figure of \$420 million in the five years to 1981. EEC officials say the nine are nearing agreement on how much to offer.

The commission's other proposals, which have not found favor in Ankara, include a freeze on better terms for Turkish farm imports to the EEC until Turkey can reduce its own customs tariffs.

The commission also says there can be no move to allow Turkish workers freer access to the community.

Community officials say the nine are considering offering Yugoslavia aid worth \$340 million when the two sides meet later this month.

The ministers will look at this and other possible points in a new economic cooperation pact.

The nine are scheduled to meet with Greece's minister for EEC relations, George Kontogeorgis, Tuesday to iron out final details of Greek entry terms to the EEC and fix a date.

Greece is due to become the community's 10th member Jan. 1, 1981 at the latest.

The annual joint meeting of community foreign and finance ministers was scheduled for Monday afternoon and seemed certain to end in co-operation over financing the community in the 1980s.

Britain's Labor government, with an eye on the May 3 general election, was expected to raise new figures showing it as a major contributor to the 1978 budget.

Contract talks stalemated

U.S. teamsters locked out

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP) —

The U.S. trucking industry has declared a nationwide lockout

against 300,000 teamsters after the union launched strikes against

75 companies in the wake of a collapse in marathon contract talks.

The executive committee of Trucking Management Inc., the industry's bargaining arm, said in a statement Sunday it "had no alternative but to instruct its member associations and authorizing carriers to shut down their operations in defense against the strike use."

In its prepared statement, the industry referred to its action as a "defensive shutdown," but officials also termed the move a lock-out.

It said 42 major carriers were targeted by the union strike. But union sources said 75 companies were struck.

This will cause major disruption in trucking transportation, not a limited selective stoppage, the industry said in its statement.

The strikes and walkout followed a breaking off of contract talks between the two sides late Saturday. The union's old contract expired at midnight Saturday. No further negotiations are expected for several days.

Tugboat crews strike

NEW YORK, April 2 (AP) — American tugboat and barge crewmen voted unanimously Sunday to strike, and a union official predicted the walkout would affect shipping from Maine to Virginia.

Capt. Joseph O'Hare, president of Local 333 of the United Marine Division of the International Longshoremen's Association, announced the strike after 2,700 crewmen voted at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

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Gold also advances

Dollar hits 9 1/2-month high

LONDON, April 2 (AP) — The dollar zoomed to a 9½-month high in Tokyo and opened strong in Europe Monday. Gold prices also advanced.

Reports of an oil well fire in Saudi Arabia sparked off panicky trading in Tokyo, dealers said, as did forecasts that the falling Japanese currency would sink to 215-yen to the dollar this week.

"We are experiencing the exact reverse of what happened last year when panic buying caused the dollar to sink," said one Japanese banker. "Now the same kind of psychological buying is causing the dollar to rise."

The dollar declined 30 per cent against the yen last year, but has recovered about 20 per cent of its value since hitting an all-time low of 176.075 yen last Oct. 31. President Jimmy Carter's dollar-rescue package of Nov. 1 turned the tide.

The dollar's closing rate Monday in Tokyo was 211.15 yen, up from 209.275 Friday.

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Mexico oil price hike postponed

MEXICO CITY, April 2 (R) — Mexico has deferred increasing its oil prices because of world market uncertainties, it has been officially announced.

But a communique issued Sunday by Pemex, the state-run oil company, said that when the new price for Mexican crude is fixed it will be retroactive to April 1.

The communique said that the decision to postpone increases in Mexico's crude price stemmed from uncertainty in the world market regarding tariffs applied to crude for transporting it from producing countries to consumer states.

Pemex also said that before setting the new price the company had to take into consideration the final prices of OPEC's crude.

Although OPEC's new crude price came into effect Sunday, the organization left its members free to charge extra "premiums" for their oil if a customer is prepared to pay.

Mexico, whose oil production is expected to reach 1.8 million barrels per day by December, does not belong to OPEC.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Monday	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.38	3.38
Pound Sterling	6.96	7.00	7.02
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	180.50	179.25
Swiss F (100)	197.00	200.00	198.00
French F (100)	78.00	78.75	78.25
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.05	4.03
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	107.00	107.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	78.50	86.90
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.23	12.24
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.28	11.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.80
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.78
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	41.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.75	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.25	74.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	79.25	87.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.70
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	31.50	34.30
Gold kg	—	26.200	—
10 Tolas har	—	3.060	—
Silver kg bar	—	900	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.59	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.90	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.13	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.66	1.69	—

SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

Cash and transfer rates supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for currency Exchange and Commerce, Gabel St., Jeddah. Tel.: 23815

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

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International Finance

International Bourse, Commodities, Money and Exchange Rates

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MARKETS سوق العالم

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LONDON

March 30

Range

USA

2.8785-2.8715

Canada

2.8625-2.8610

France

2.8505-2.8505

Belgium

61.15-61.25

Italy

1738.85-1739.00

India

4.165-4.1720

Switzerland

3.9252-3.9125

W. Germany

3.8625-3.8725

Spain

9.8329-9.8429

Norway

18.7058-18.7080

Denmark

18.7988-18.7988

Sweden

22.57-22.57

Portugal

99.70-100.00

Spain

104.10-104.40

Japan

433.54-433.57

NEW YORK

March 30

Opening Prices

STG

2.8785-2.8710

SPR CON

2.8625-2.8610

FRF

2.8505-2.8505

DFL

4.2978-4.2982

LI

389.448-48.00

INR

5.1515-5.1515

SFR

1.4928-1.4928

DM

2.1667-2.1667

YEN

246.30-246.30

AUS SCH

15.156-15.156

DKK

5.3348-5.3348

SEK

5.3308-5.3308

PTA

15.45-15.45

ESP

20.81-20.81

JPY

Unavailable

SPAIN

22.43-22.43

SPAN

March 28-30 35 disc, two months 60-55 disc, three months 70-45 disc, six months 82-75 disc, nine months 100-90 disc, one year 110-100 disc

Oct. one month 6-4 disc, two months 15-10 disc, three months 12-10 disc, six months 12-10 disc, nine months 14-8 disc, one year 16-10 disc

LONDON GOLD

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3.66 p.m. fix

\$248.10

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\$361.50

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DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES

March 30

30 Industrials

862.18

UP 0.59

+0.53%

20 Transportation

225.77

UP 0.85

+0.37%

15 Utilities

164.19

DN 0.44

-0.42%

65 Stocks

292.57

UP 0.76

+0.26%

NEW YORK (AP)—(U)—The stock market closed higher, reflecting a good gain for the entire month of March.

The news background presented a mixed picture.

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New York Bond Market:

New York (AP)—A two-day bond market rally, spurred by Wall Street bid against by investors, ended on Thursday.

Government issues, which had run up as high as point since mid-week, relinquished most of those gains by late Thursday. Much of the earlier price gains involved speculative trading by dealers themselves, rather than by institutions. In a market stunted to news events and their impact, Congress failure to raise the Treasury's borrowing, power prompted early activity.

In Washington Thursday, the House said a vote on a bill to increase the ceiling on the national debt had been passed by late Thursday. The current \$70 billion dollar debt limit is due to drop to \$60 billion later Sunday. That is contrary to the sales of more than \$5 billion dollars of notes and bills to replace losses maturing early next week.

Postponements of several Treasury issues this week and then threatened to loathe speculation in the stock market. Most vulnerable were those who had borrowed securities, or shorts, hoping to replace their loss of cheaper prices. As lenders of Congress on the debt ceiling reducing supplies of new issues, holders of shorts scrambled to buy Treasury issues forcing prices higher.

"With speculators out of the market... prices are backing down again," said a senior Commerce Department spokesman.

Evidence of that can be seen with the Treasury's primary 8 1/2% bond, due 2008, which slipped 1/4 point in two previous trading sessions. On Thursday it fell 1/2 point.

A Special Report by Byron Klapper

The bond market was a point higher by the close, the issue was sold at 101 1/2 by the dealer at 107 1/2 and bid to yield about 8.99%.

An almost identical pattern can be found among corporate bonds. Market Watch Corp's 7 1/2% debentures, one of Wall Street's hottest recent issues, retailed after clearing 1/4 point earlier in the week. Dealer interest in it about 750 contracts, 9.25%.

Other corporate bonds remained unchanged in price trading. General Mills Co's 7 1/2% debentures gained about 2 dollars for each 1,000 dollar face amount after dealers freed them from a 100% rent of 4.5%. For the month of March, the industrial average was up 54 points. Treasury volume Friday amounted to 24,376,000 dollar spread against 26,538,000 by Thursday.

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SMALL SOCIETY

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WIZARD

Dennis the Menace



"HERE COMES MARGARET PLAYIN' NURSE... ACT LIKE YA NEVER FELT BETTER IN YOUR LIFE!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Jewelry
- weight
- Thompson's forte
- Redeemance
- Race
- 1961 Italian film classic
- O'Neill play
- African worm
- Familiar Italian phrase
- Devastate
- Redecorate
- Fat
- Carpeting
- Region
- Set on fire
- Italian sauce
- Arena chest
- "Eisen"
- Adieu, in Italian
- Director, Sergio
- Think
- Climbing pepper
- Molting DOWN
- Colombian city
- U.S.S.R. inland sea
- Motored
- Love: Lat.

DOWN

- Fendal
- benet's fee
- Elve
- nightmares
- Race the motor
- Patina's husband
- Welcome
- Brahman title
- "Thy king, down..."
- Kenya people
- Sports setting
- Get working
- Loved one
- None better
- Teener's footloose
- Magician's word
- Swerve
- Saturated
- Vegetable
- Original
- Cheshire cat's trademark
- Teener's worry
- Bond
- Church vestment
- Caddoan
- Indian
- Decay
- Suffix with Joseph
- Spire ornament

Yesterday's Answer

1. Two clubs. North probably has 8 or 9 points including a spade stopper. Game is therefore unlikely, and two clubs is apt to be a safer spot than one notrump. Of course, North may have 10 points and two spade stoppers, but until he indicates such a holding you should not assume it.

2. Two hearts. This is not regarded as a reverse bid, since in this sequence it is the cheapest bid you can make. However, once North weighs in with two diamonds (as compared to a one notrump bid) your chances for game are much more promising. Partner's two diamond bid raises the value of your hand several points. Furthermore, North probably has from 10 to 15 points. But, for the moment, all you do is mark time with two hearts, planning to show your diamond support later.

3. Three hearts. You bid three hearts mainly to warn partner against notrump. North is unlikely to have four hearts, since he failed to respond one heart, but he may have bypassed that suit for tactical reasons. Three hearts does not indicate extra values; it is far better to use this type of reverse bidding merely to clarify your distribution.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
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M L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two Q's etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

ORL BUZV TD EZISV, IBKHF-FC YTE ISV IDOUSTDRTEFC YLIHOTKHF, KZLJHLSOFC ORZTF-TSE. YHO T FUML SLB CUZW.

— VUZUORC WIFEIFFLS
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FROM BURNING TAR WAS USED IN SHREVEPORT, LA, IN 1873 TO WARD OFF YELLOW FEVER.

TOM WHITE
OF TUCSON, ARIZ., TRAINED A ZEBRA AS A COW PONY.

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

You are South and hold this hand:

♠ AQ98 ♣ K108 ♦ AJ1093

1. You open One Club, West One Spade, North One Notrump, and East passes. What would you bid now?

2. You open One Club, West One Spade, North Two Diamonds, and East passes. What would you bid now?

3. You open One Club, West One Spade, North Two Notrump, and East passes. What would you bid now?

4. You open One Club, North One Diamond, you One Heart, North Two Hearts. East-West pass throughout. What would you bid now?

1. Two clubs. North probably has 8 or 9 points including a spade stopper. Game is therefore unlikely, and two clubs is apt to be a safer spot than one notrump. Of course, North may have 10 points and two spade stoppers, but until he indicates such a holding you should not assume it.

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Tuesday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:00	6:18	12:32	3:56	6:39	8:09
Medina	4:58	6:12	12:32	4:00	6:39	8:09
Nejd	4:29	5:48	12:02	3:29	6:10	7:40

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street: No. 1082
6:30 George Kirby Show	Nancy Wilson
6:54 Welcome Back Kotter	Kotter For Vice Principal
7:25 Rickford Files	Ratler's Class Of 63
8:13 NFL Football	Highlights: No. 12, Minn. Vs. L.A.

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:

The temperatures will continue to rise over the western and northwestern regions with surface winds blowing easterly to northeasterly over the western region, raising dust and sands occasionally. A moderate weather might prevail over the central and eastern regions with a slight rise in the temperatures.

Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the Gulf and light to rough, in the Red Sea.

Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	39	28	Tabuk	37	17
Jeddah	42	21	Rafha	31	11
Riyadh	31	17	Bisha	31	14
Dhahran	31	15	Yunbu	32	20
Medina	35	20	K. Mesheit	26	09
Taif	29	16	Abha	25	11

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Afternoon Transmission

- 2:00 Opening
- 2:01 The Holy Quran
- 2:05 Gems of Guidance
- 2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes
- 2:20 On Islam
- 2:30 Hits in Germany
- 3:00 NEWS
- 3:10 Press Review
- 3:15 Music
- 3:20 Islamic Activities
- 3:30 Leaps and Bounds
- 3:40 Music
- 3:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission

- 10:00 Opening
- 10:01 The Holy Quran
- 10:05 Message to the Faithful
- 10:10 Light Music
- 10:15 NEWS
- 10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
- 10:30 Melody Makers
- 11:00 Youth Welfare
- 11:10 Music
- 11:15 Hot Rod
- 11:45 The Golden Age
- 12:00 Imp. Com & Recollections
- 12:10 Music
- 12:15 Mood Music
- 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
- 01:00 Close Down

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- 8:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses
- 8:30 Dateline News Summary
- 9:00 Special English: News; Feature. The Making of a Nation
- 9:30 News Summary
- 9:30 Music USA (Standards)
- 0:00 News Roundup: Reports: Actualities

10:05 Opinion: Analyses
News Summary
10:30 VOA Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter
11:00 Special English: News
11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)

VOA WORLD REPORT
Midnight
12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission

- 8:00 World News
- 8:09 *Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 8:30 *Sarah Ward
- 8:45 World Today
- 9:00 Newsdesk
- 9:30 *Opera Star
- 10:00 World News
- 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary
- 10:30 *Sarah Ward
- 10:45 *Something to Show You
- 11:00 World News
- 11:09 Reflections
- 11:15 Piano Style
- 11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
- 12:00 World News
- 12:09 British Press Review
- 12:15 World Today
- 12:30 Financial News
- 12:40 Look Ahead
- 12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show

Evening Transmission

- 11:15 Ulster in Focus
- 1:30 Discovery
- 2:00 World News
- 2:09 News about Britain
- 2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios
- 2:30 Sports International
- 2:40 Radio Newsreel
- 3:15 Promenade Concert
- 3:45 Sports Round-up
- 4:00 World News
- 4:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

- 4:30 The Pleasure's Yours
- 5:15 Report on Religion
- 6:00 Radio Newsreel
- 6:15 *Outlook
- 7:00 World News
- 7:09 Commentary
- 7:15 *Sherlock Holmes
- 7:45 World Today
- 8:00 World News
- 8:09 *Books and Writers
- 8:30 *Take One
- 8:45 Sports Round-up
- 9:00 World News
- 9:09 News about Britain
- 9:15 Radio Newsreel
- 9:30 Farming World
- 10:00 Outlook News Summary
- 10:39 Stock Market Report
- 10:43 Look Ahead
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- 11:09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 11:30 The Pleasure's Yours
- Midnight Transmission
- 12:15 Talkabout
- 12:45 Nature Notebook
- 1:00 World News
- 1:09 World Today
- 1:25 Financial News
- 1:35 Book Choice
- 1:40 Reflections
- 1:45 Sports Round-up
- 2:00 World News
- 2:09 Commentary
- 2:15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Don't let a surprise at home upset you. Remain calm and you'll efficiently tie up loose ends. Domestic harmony brightens up the p.m.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
You can still troubled waters now. You'll find the right approach to smooth over upset feelings. The accent is on friendships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
Don't get upset over a small financial matter. Be cheerful with superiors and look for ways to improve monetary prospects.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
An unexpected change needn't cause you to worry. Be adaptable. Attendance at a cultural event may stimulate your own creativity.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
Completing unfinished tasks should lead to peace of mind and a sense of accomplishment. Find ways to have some private relaxation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Social plans may have to be changed, but the alternatives should exceed expectations. Friends and close ones are supportive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Despite some aggravation re finances, career progress is indicated. Be friendly with co-workers and capitalize on efficiency.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
You may change plans re travel. Business or financial contacts should go well. Conversations with those at a distance are heartwarming.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
A conservative approach to business works to your advantage. Home improvement plans and joint finances are favored. Raise capital.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Heart-to-heart talks with a close family member or friend can bring happiness. Enlist the cooperation of others for your best success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Take steps to improve physical fitness. Business ventures begun now should work out satisfactorily. Financial gain through work indicated.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Despite some nervousness on your part, romantic plans go well. Save time for recreational activities with loved ones. Be happy.

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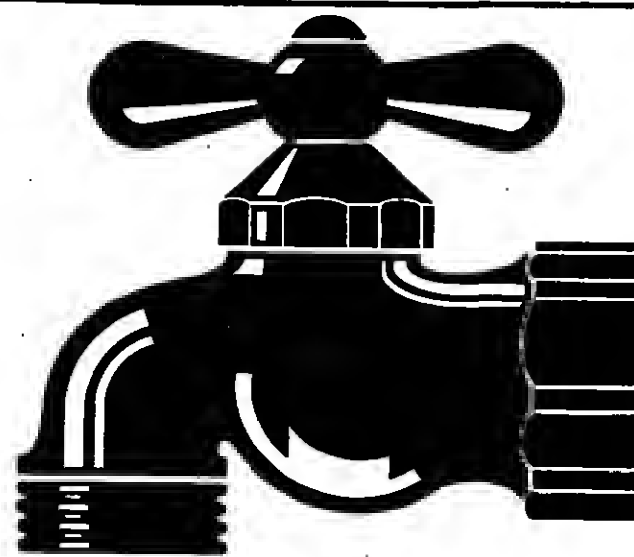
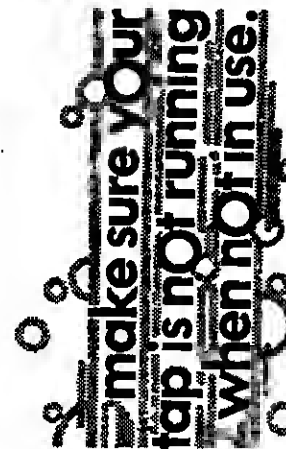
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International

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Ugandan leader sighted in Jinja for 'last stand'

NAIROBI, April 2 (Agencies) — President Idi Amin drove into Jinja in eastern Uganda after it was bombed by Tanzanian jets Monday and said he would make a last stand in the town against rebel invaders.

A foreign resident of Jinja, Uganda's second largest city, said he heard President Amin tell people clustered round his vehicle that he was ready to die there.

Tanzanian jets attacked the capital, Kampala, as well as Jinja and Entebbe Airport.

At least one woman was reported killed in Jinja where a Libyan bank in the city center and military installations were hit.

In Kampala Anti-Amin forces

ing Tanzanians and Ugandan exiles appeared to bear out the exiles' claim Sunday that "our troops and those of our allies have not moved an inch from the positions they are occupying overlooking Kampala and Entebbe."

While Saturday broadcasts over Radio Uganda had a confident Amin laughing and exhorting his front-line troops, subsequent news bulletins gave some evidence of the chaos in the capital.

The radio said the 6 p.m. curfew imposed on civilians last week applied also to "off-duty" troops. They were warned of "very serious consequences" if they are found on the streets at night.

Expatriates fleeing Uganda for Kenya have reported total disorder in the Ugandan armed forces, with armed troops wandering about aimlessly, looting homes, holding up passersby or fleeing north in stolen vehicles. Diplomats said Libyan troops were defending the city and Amin, virtually alone.

The radio also quoted the finance minister ordering banks to reopen and accusing them of closing illegally. The radio said "only banks in disturbed areas have permission to close down."

Residents of Kampala have reported a mass evacuation of the city over the past week, with most shops, offices and government ministries closed. At the Uganda-Kenya border, Ugandan currency, officially on a par with Kenyan currency, was being sold at 10 to one.

Military observers said the Tanzanian air strike was the first in Uganda since the war broke out five months ago. The Tanzanians evidently unleashed their MIGs in retaliation for Thursday's Libyan air strike on Mwanza, a Tanzanian port on Lake Victoria and head of the rail line that transports war supplies from Dar Es Salaam.

Mwanza was also reportedly the launching base for the Tanzanian MIGs.

Tanzanian officials privately said they expect more raids by Libya's Soviet-made Tupolev 22 bombers.



Idi Amin

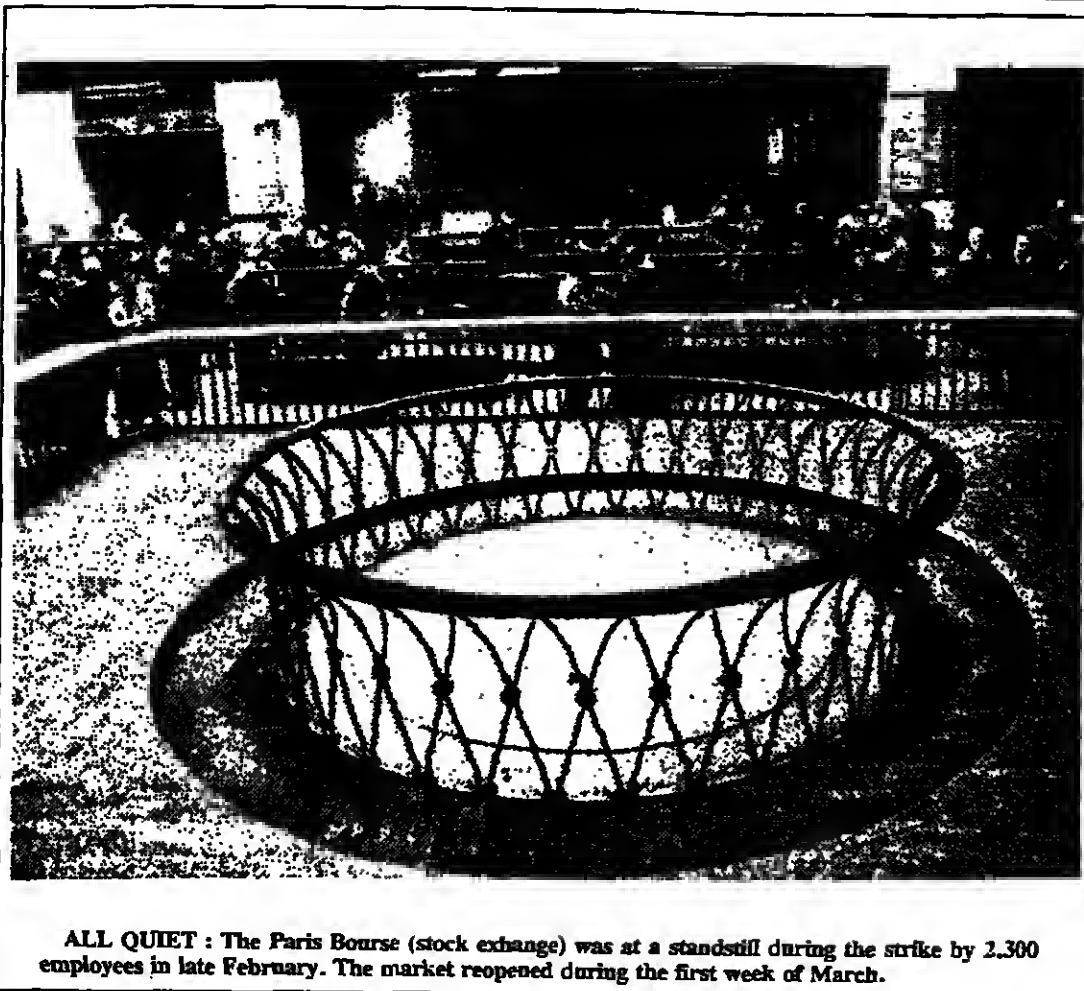
set fire to an oil storage tank amid renewed shelling Monday.

The sources said at least five artillery shells landed in the middle of the capital early Monday morning, and a pall of black smoke covered the industrial area in the east.

On Sunday morning, Tanzanian Air Force MIG-21s reportedly bombed and strafed the main runway at Entebbe, Uganda's international airport on Lake Victoria 32 kilometers south of Kampala. Sources said Tanzanian artillery had previously damaged the second runway at the airport.

It was unclear at dawn whether the airport, used by Libya to ferry in troops and supplies, had been knocked out of commission by Tanzania's Soviet-built fighters.

The renewed assaults by invad-



ALL QUIET: The Paris Bourse (stock exchange) was at a standstill during the strike by 3,300 employees in late February. The market reopened during the first week of March.

Election date expected today

Italy chief dissolves assembly

ROME, April 2 (R) — Italian President Sandro Pertini Monday dissolved Parliament following the defeat of Giulio Andreotti's government in a Senate vote of confidence, a presidential spokesman said.

He was expected to announce the date for an early general election Tuesday.

The 82-year-old president signed the decree dissolving Italy's seventh and shortest lived legislature since World War II after meeting the speakers of the two houses of parliament.

The old parliament was formed

following inconclusive elections in June 1976 in which the Christian Democrats polled just four per cent more than their Communist rivals.

Andreotti's fifth government a compromise tripartite coalition of Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Republicans, was defeated by one vote in the Senate on Saturday.

The coalition was formed following a two-month-old political crisis over Communist demands for ministerial jobs.

Elections which were not due until 1981, are expected to be held in late May or early June.

The defeat of Andreotti's 10-day-old government two days ago left the president with little hope but to ask the Italian electorate to resolve the stalemate.

At the Monday morning meeting when President Pertini formally met the two leaders of the upper and lower houses, it was understood he informed them of his dissolution decision.

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Nursing home fire kills at least 26 in Missouri

FARMINGTON, Mo. April 2 (AP) — At least 26 persons were killed Monday in a fire at a nursing home in this southeast Missouri community, said Fire Chief Bob Oder.

Order said 37 patients and one attendant were in the Straughan's Wayside Inn Retirement Home. He said 13 bodies were removed from the structure and 13 others were known to be inside.

He said most of the people were killed by smoke inhalation. Bodies were found in the hall-

ways and at the doors of the red granite, single-story structure. Chief Deputy Sheriff Gene Aszor said the roof of the building collapsed after the early-morning fire broke out, trapping the patients inside.

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N. Irish splinter group blamed for assassination of legislator

BELFAST, April 2 (R) — Police in Northern Ireland believe a small guerrilla splinter group, the Marxist Irish National Liberation Army (INLA), assassinated leading British Politician Airey Neave in London last Friday. (See related story page 4).

Members of the ultra-left group have gone underground in both Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic to avoid police raids.

Little is known about the INLA, long overshadowed by the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA), the main guerrilla force fighting British rule of Ireland's northern six counties.

Now it is in the glare of a spotlight and British security forces are urgently studying the group's capacity to strike again before the British general election on May 3.

According to Republican circles here, INLA members have had training from foreign guerrillas. The bomb which killed war hero Airey Neave, the British Conservative opposition's hard-line spokesman on Northern Ireland, was a sophisticated two-stage device planted in his car.

The INLA said here it sent a "unit" to London for the attack and its men had now returned to Ireland.

The group has links with European Trotskyite groups and members have attended Baader-Meinhof gang funerals.

It differs from the Provisional IRA in political ideology. The internationalist INLA, dedicated to a Marxist Ireland, sees the "hard men" of the Provisional IRA as traditional, Catholic, nationalist and in some cases fascist.

Such preferences, debating points elsewhere, have led to feuds which have drenched the

ghetto pavements with blood. In 1975, soon after the INLA's emergence, a dozen men were killed and many more tortured, beaten and wounded in a blood feud with the official IRA.

The official IRA, the original guerrilla body which turned away from use of gun and bomb in revulsion against escalating bloodshed was determined not to repeat its mistake in allowing the

"provisionals" to break away in January 1970 to make war on the British.

Gunmen with "hit lists" and sub-machine guns across their laps cruised the ghettos in stolen cars in search of their enemies.

The IRA lost Seamus Costello, its founder, murdered with a saved-off shotgun in Dublin. Belfast official IRA commander Liam McMullen was also killed, shot dead in front of his wife as he was out shopping.

The INLA is believed to have far less men than the "provos" — perhaps only a handful.

"The Provisional IRA have five men for every gun but we have available guns for every man," an INLA member said.

But the INLA has shown itself capable of sophisticated planning.

Its men robbed the Dublin-Cork Night Mail Train of 500,000 sterling (\$1 million).

Syrian leader confers with Yasser Arafat

DAMASCUS, April 2 (R) — Syrian President Hafez Assad conferred here Monday with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Official sources said the meeting discussed the course of action to be taken following last week's Baghdad conference of Arab foreign and economy ministers.

With Arafat at the meeting were Khaled Al-Fahoum, speaker of the Palestine National Council (PNC) — parliament-in-exile — and a number of leading Palestinians.

funds into the Information Department.

"How the money is spent is kept secret from me," it went on.

Similarly, Finance Minister Horwood, who had to authorize the funds, "had dust thrown into his eyes" because the secret projects were not identified to him, the report continued.

Koornhof, then minister for sport, approached a businessman to sponsor a car race and the man agreed—but the minister did not know that the businessman was obtaining the money from the Information Department, the report said.

This was an apparent reference to the sponsorship of last year's South African Grand Prix by fertilizer magnate Louis Luv, first "owner" of the government-created "Citizen" newspaper.

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S. African commission clears cabinet in slush fund scandal

CAPE TOWN, April 2 (R) — A judge's inquiry Monday cleared members of the South African cabinet of involvement in the slush funds scandal now rocking the government.

Prime Minister Pieter Botha had pledged to resign and call a new election if the finding had gone the other way.

The three-man judicial inquiry, headed by Judge Rudolf Erasmus, specifically exonerated Premier Botha, who is also defense minister.

Senator Owen Horwood, the finance minister, and Piet Koornhof, minister for plural relations, were cleared of involvement.

It was the second interim report from the Erasmus Commission.

The commission's first report last December exposed massive irregularities in the now defunct

Information Department involving misuse of millions of rands earmarked for South Africa's propaganda war.

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Cairo

laid a wreath in the name of the Israeli people and the Israel defense forces, in honor of the Unknown Soldier who did his duty at the call of his country and fought against us. With all my heart I paid respect to the Unknown Soldier."

The star of David flag flew over the airport VIP building, and another has been placed atop the former royal palace where Begin will be staying. But, for protocol reasons, it will fly nowhere else in Cairo, officials here said.

And the state controlled newspapers have done little to drum up interest in the visit, unlike other

beral occasions such as President Carter's visit last month.

President Sadat was not at the airport to greet Begin because, as a prime minister, protocol dictated he be received by Mubarak. This was in marked contrast to the ebullient official welcome Sadat got when he visited Israel 16 months ago to break the ice between the two old enemies.

Sadat, who has said that every time he meets Begin "we fight," was to host a state dinner Monday night at Kubbah Palace, once the home of King Farouk. His only other scheduled meeting with Begin is at a working session

Tuesday morning. Begin brought no members of his cabinet with him, indicating that little of substance is expected from the meeting.

The conversation between Begin and Mubarak at the airport was equally mundane after comparing the weather, the conversation slipped into comparisons between Hebrew and Arabic.

In a separate development, Israeli army sources said Monday that Israel plans to complete the first stage of its withdrawal in Sinai by Dec. 26, under a computerized program.

Army planners chose March 26, the date of the signing of the peace treaty, as their base line for the pullback operation, even though the treaty stipulates nine months from the date of exchange of instruments of ratification.

Soviets

internal difficulties if it wanted to for Arab countries opposed to the peace treaty.

James Aburezk, a South Dakota Democrat, who is of Lebanese descent, also told the Lebanese Magazine "Monday Morning" that if the Arabs did not unite in the face of the treaty "the Israelis will pick them off one by one."

Asked to comment on forecasts of "internal difficulties" for Arab states opposed to the treaty, Aburezk said:

"I did not hear these forecasts. But as far as arranging internal difficulties...I don't know Egypt's capabilities, but the U.S. and the CIA have in the past been very capable of arranging internal difficulties."

"They did so in Chile and in a number of other countries — in Iran in the 50's, for instance. So I wouldn't discount anything like that if they have set their minds to it," he added.

N-plant

decrease in the bubble size." Denton told reporters at a briefing in Middletown. It was confirmation of a report by a Metropolitan Edison official that the danger of an explosion caused by the bubble had been substantially reduced over the past 24 hours.

Denton also confirmed a company statement that radioactive releases from the plant have been confined. He said the information came from monitoring in 37 locations in the area.

"I think it's safer than yesterday," Denton said with great emphasis. He added that he did

not want to say the bubble was entirely gone.

The company spokesman, George Troffer, said the gas bubble had shrunk to less than one-tenth its former size. He also said no radioactive gases were being emitted and the reactor was being prepared for a final cool-down.

NRC and Metropolitan Edison utility officials were to meet Monday to discuss the cool-down operation.

Cabinet

Cabinet was briefed by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil on the resolutions and recommendations of the Arab Foreign and Economics Ministers in Baghdad.

The communiqué added that the Cabinet ratified the Baghdad decisions within the framework of Saudi Arabia's stand at the conference.

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France and GIE of Italy also bid close to the low bid last year.

The project, which will also supply Qatif, Safwa, Rahima and Seihat as well as the three cities, is the largest in the Second Five-Year Plan although a plant of almost the same size is to be built at the Yanbu industrial complex.

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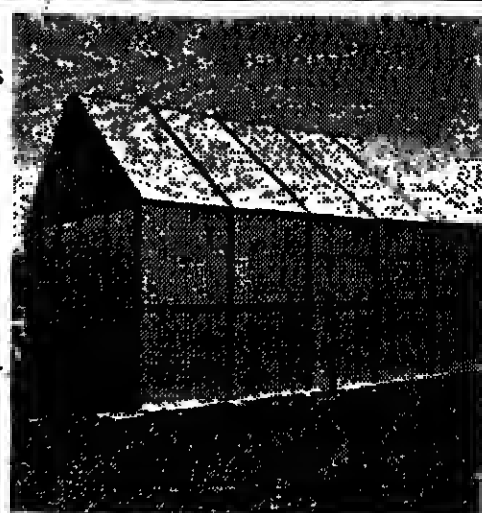
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